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West Ham's Paul
Goddard (far left) will
be hoping to prevent
Steve Hunt (bottom)
and Coventry from
reaching the League
Cup Final.
Manchester City's
Joe Corrigan (centre)
and Alan Hansen
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**Why Clarke's
making life tough at Leeds**

SHOOT view!

CAN 1981 be a better year for football than the one that has just slipped away into the history books?

The law of averages suggests that *nothing* could be so bad as some of the dreadful incidents witnessed last year.

This year, hopefully, will be 12 months of progress towards happier times with football administrators, players, club officials and fans working together to restore pride to football.

Fortunately, the game has not sunk to the depths some people suggest. There are many good things happening . . .

For a starter, what better news than Kevin Keegan's comeback? The England captain is hoping to lead Southampton to a more successful second half to the season.

Thorn

Ray Wilkins and Trevor Francis, two other outstanding England performers, are back in business. Ipswich and Aston Villa have become a thorn in the side of Liverpool, who have had things much their own way in recent seasons.

Middlesbrough, once the unfashionable member of the North-East triangle comprising Sunderland and Newcastle, are the most improved side in the First Division.

Similarly, Everton, Merseyside underdogs for many seasons, remained unbeaten at Goodison Park before Christmas in their best season in the First Division for a long time. What price Manager Gordon Lee for the chop now?

Stoke City have also defied their critics. Most pundits reckoned they would be relegated to the Second Division at the end of this season. But Alan Durban and his side forced them to eat humble pie in an enterprising first half of the season.

The Second Division has its success stories too. West Ham have had no decline in their attendances at Upton Park for one solid reason. They play entertaining football — and the fans love it.

Geoff Hurst and Bobby Gould have worked miracles at Chelsea, and John Toshack's handling of Swansea suggests he could be tempted to one of the First Division's giants before too long.

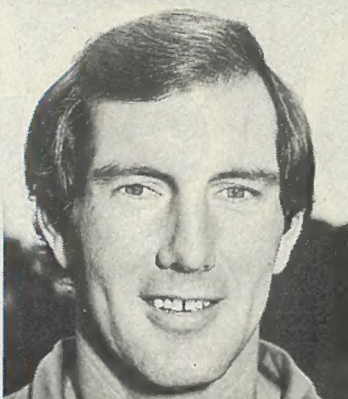
Charlton's recovery after relegation last season has brought long overdue cheer to The Valley. If Mike Bailey takes the managerial honours for steering them into the Third Division cockpit, their striker Derek Hales must take the kudos for reviving a career which at one time seemed to be in decline.

There are many other examples of individual and collective success stories. Unfortunately, they are not always made public.

It indicates that there is a good side to soccer. Let us all try to praise football rather than condemn it. That way, we should help ensure its survival.

League Cup Semi-Finals

MAN.CITY v LIVERPOOL



'Victory for our fans'
JOE CORRIGAN

WE'LL win the League Cup, even if Liverpool are in the way." That is the message from Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Corrigan to the Maine Road supporters.

Says Joe: "We owe it to the fans. It's a pity we face Liverpool now instead of the Final. We're so confident I'm certain we'd dispose of any of the other two in the Semi-Final."

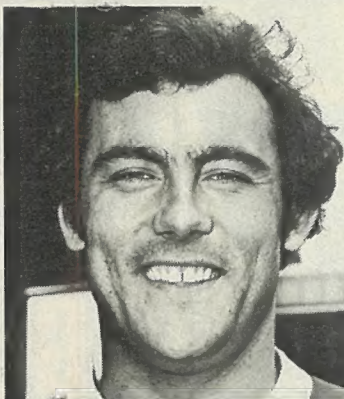
"We lost to Liverpool 3-0 earlier in the season, but since then John Bond has re-vitalised the players — it's not the same team."

"On paper everything is against us. We face the best team in the country, a side with plenty of experience where two-legged matches are concerned, and not only that, we play them at home first, which in my opinion is a disadvantage. But we can still do it."

Corrigan feels West Ham will win the other Semi-Final, and therefore puts his money on a Manchester City-West Ham Final.

He is not concerned by the loss of manager John Bond's recent signings, Bobby McDonald, Gerry Gow and Tommy Hutchison, who are Cup tied. "They are good players, but we have done well without them before, and this is no exception."

"Going to Wembley is important to me. I think it will lift the side, and help us considerably in our future League programme."



'The draw we wanted'
RAY KENNEDY

LIVERPOOL to win the League Cup — at last. That's the prediction from their England midfield star Ray Kennedy.

"The draw against Manchester City is the one all the lads wanted," he says. "I think we have a better chance of getting to Wembley than at any time since I joined Liverpool in July, 1974."

"And once we get there, we ought to beat either West Ham or Coventry."

Confident Kennedy's mantlepiece is littered with trophies and medals, testimonies to the success enjoyed by the former Arsenal man. But there's one trophy missing — a League Cup winners' tankard.

"I've got a losers' tankard after our 1-0 Final replay defeat by Nottingham Forest in 1977. But I want a complete set of domestic and European medals," he says.

Kennedy acknowledges that the new-look City, rejuvenated by manager John Bond, will not be push-overs.

"We played them earlier in the season and won 3-0 at Maine Road. But that was before John arrived at Manchester."

"He has made some shrewd buys, but remember Gow, McDonald and Hutchison are all Cup-tied. Though Phil Boyer is eligible, the chopping and changing will do them no favours."

COVENTRY v



'A classic clash'
MICK COOP

MICK Coop, the Coventry City club captain, has been at Highfield Road 15 years. On the law of averages, he has to concede that his chances of playing at Wembley are getting fewer and fewer.

But although West Ham might be the people's choice, Coop raps out a warning to everyone who might regard his club's young teenagers as a Semi-Final push-over.

Says Coop: "Although we have the youngest side in the First Division, it is one of the most talented. I missed the matches against Watford because of injury, but the way the kids took Watford apart in the replay at Highfield Road — that 5-0 victory didn't flatter us — and then beat Albion 3-0 in the League a few days later . . . well, I reckon Hammers have got some worries, too."

"You get a different slant on the lads when injury puts you on the sidelines and you have to watch them instead of being out there on the park."

"They've done the club and our fans proud."

Nevertheless, Coop is not a man to let his heart rule his head.

He goes on: "This is, without doubt, the best West Ham side of my time. They're better all-round than they used to be, and they are far more consistent away from home."

HOW THEY GOT THERE

Round	Opponents	Res	Scorers
2 (1st leg)	Stoke (a)	1-1	Henry
2 (2nd leg)	Stoke (h)	3-0	Henry, Bennett 2

3	Luton (a)	2-1	Bennett, Henry
4	Notts County (h)	5-1	Bennett, Tuart 4
5	WBA (h)	2-1	Bennett, Henry

Round	Opponents	Res	Scorers
2 (1st leg)	Bradford (a)	0-1	
2 (2nd leg)	Bradford (h)	4-0	Dalglish 2, Kennedy R, OG
3	Swindon (h)	5-0	Lee 2, Dalglish, OG, Fairclough
4	Portsmouth (h)	4-1	Dalglish, Johnson 2, Souness
5	Birmingham (h)	3-1	Dalglish, McDermott, Johnson

HOW THEY

Round	Opponents	Res	Score
2 (1st leg)	Man. Utd (a)	1-0	Engli
2 (2nd leg)	Man. Utd (h)	1-0	Blair
3	Brighton (a)	2-1	Engl, Hutcl
4	Cambridge (h)	1-1	Thon
4 replay	Cambridge (a)	1-0	Hunt
5	Watford (a)	2-2	Thomp
5 replay	Watford (h)	5-0	Bodak, OG, Thompson, Hunt, Hatele

first-legs

WEST HAM



'A welcome bonus'

BILLY BONDS

BILLY Bonds is a realistic man. So it is perhaps not surprising when he quotes West Ham's chances of beating Coventry in the League Cup Semi-Final as "about 50-50".

Many pundits would rate The Hammers, a team full of highly talented players, favourites to overcome the less experienced Coventry side.

But Bonds, West Ham's inspiring skipper and defender, says: "I haven't seen Coventry play this season. From what I've heard and read, though, they are a young, enthusiastic team and doubtless every bit as keen as we are to reach the Final."

Although Bonds feels getting to the League Cup Final would be a "welcome bonus", he freely admits that West Ham's chief objective this season remains promotion from the Second Division. But Bonds disagrees that the game against Coventry is another opportunity for the club to prove themselves against First Division opponents.

"We've nothing to prove against teams from Division One. We've beaten so many of them during the past couple of years.

"We intend playing our normal attacking game in the first-leg — despite it being at Highfield Road. If we can get a result, it will make the return match at Upton Park easier."

THE successes of Watford and West Ham in this season's Football League Cup will come as no surprise to students of events during the competition's first two decades, for over those 20 seasons it has been littered with giant-killing acts.

No fewer than 26 teams have fought through to the last four of the competition, eight of them going on to play in the Final from outside Division One.

In fact, in only four of the League Cup's 20 seasons have the Semi-Finals comprised wholly of sides from the top 22, those of 1972, 1973, 1976 and 1978.

Indeed, in 1975, not one First Division team managed to reach the penultimate stage of the tournament. Three from the Second Division, Aston Villa, Manchester United and Norwich, and one from the Fourth, Chester, contested that year's Semi-Finals and all four clubs achieved promotion at the end of the season.

The Final was an all-Second Division affair in which Villa beat Norwich by 1-0.

The successes of Third Division Q.P.R. and Swindon in winning the trophy in 1967 and 1969 respectively are well-known in football folklore. Both beat First Division opponents and both also gained promotion to the Second Division in the same season.

Rangers' win over West Brom was even more remarkable because, inspired by a brilliant Rodney Marsh goal, they came back from two down to triumph 3-2. Two years later, two goals in extra-time by Don Rogers enabled Swindon to overcome below-par Arsenal by 3-1.

Successes

The other Third Division club to appear in a League Cup Final just failed to complete a hat-trick of successes for that section in alternate years, Aston Villa falling 2-0 to two late Martin Chivers goals for Spurs in 1971.

One other Final, apart from the 1975 one, was notable for the absence of First Division teams, that of 1962 in which Second Division Norwich easily beat Fourth Division Rochdale 4-0 over two legs. This was the second League Cup Final, and even the first one featured a team from outside the First Division, Rotherham from the Second going down 2-3 on aggregate to Aston Villa after extra-time.

So, in its 20 year existence, the League Cup has seen four Second Division Finalists, three from the



Swindon capture the League Cup in 1969.

LEAGUE CUP SHOCKERS

Third, one from the Fourth and 32 from Division One. Winners have divided out into two each from Divisions Two and Three and 16 from the First Division.

It was not until 1971-72 that the Cup enjoyed the full participation of all 92 League clubs. In its early days some of the big teams were reluctant to enter, which no doubt contributed to the initial success of sides from the lower Divisions.

One curious fact to emerge from the first two decades of League Cup competition is that whereas four non-First Division clubs have succeeded in lifting the trophy, it has still to be won by any of the powerful First Division quartet of Arsenal, Manchester United, Liverpool or Everton.

Arsenal were runners-up in 1968 and 1969, Everton and Liverpool conceded the 1977 and 1978 Finals to Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest respectively, but only after replays, and Manchester United have been unable to progress beyond the Semi-Finals of 1970, 1971 and 1975.

Villa, with three victories, are top League Cup winners, with Manchester City, Spurs, Wolves and Forest, the only side to have retained the trophy, all having won it twice. Arsenal, Villa, Norwich and W.B.A. have all been runners-up twice.

Villa have also appeared in more Finals (five) than anyone else, followed by Manchester City,

CLUBS REACHING THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP FROM OUTSIDE THE FIRST DIVISION 1960-80

YEAR	CLUB	DIVISION	STAGE REACHED
1961	Rotherham U	2	Runners-up
1961	Shrewsbury T	3	Semi-Finalists
1962	Norwich C	2	Winners
1962	Rochdale	4	Runners-up
1963	Bury	2	Semi-Finalists
1963	Sunderland	2	Semi-Finalists
1964	Man. City	2	Semi-Finalists
1965	Plymouth A	2	Semi-Finalists
1966	Cardiff C	2	Semi-Finalists
1966	Peterborough	3	Semi-Finalists
1967	QPR	3	Winners
1967	Birmingham C	2	Semi-Finalists
1968	Derby Co	2	Semi-Finalists
1968	Huddersf'd T	2	Semi-Finalists
1969	Swindon T	3	Winners
1970	Carlisle U	2	Semi-Finalists
1971	Aston Villa	3	Runners-up
1971	Bristol City	2	Semi-Finalists
1974	Plymouth A	3	Semi-Finalists
1975	Aston Villa	2	Winners
1975	Norwich C	2	Runners-up
1975	Man Utd	2	Semi-Finalists
1975	Chester	4	Semi-Finalists
1977	Bolton	2	Semi-Finalists
1979	Watford	3	Semi-Finalists
1980	Swindon T	3	Semi-Finalists

TWICE SEMI-FINALISTS FROM OUTSIDE THE FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa — Winners and Runners-up
Norwich — Winners and Runners-up
Plymouth — Twice Semi-Finalists
Swindon — Winners and Semi-Finalists

Nottingham Forest (consecutively), W.B.A. and Norwich, all three times Finalists.



Ray Graydon nets the only goal of the game to give Aston Villa victory over Norwich in the all-Second Division Final in 1975.

NOT THERE

WEST HAM

Opponents	Res	Scorers
Burnley (a)	2-0	Goddard, Cross
Burnley (h)	4-0	Stewart (pen), Goddard, OG, Pike
Charlton (a)	2-1	Cross 2
Barnsley (h)	2-1	Martin, Cross
Tottenham (h)	1-0	Cross



Popularity with the crowd counts for nothing at Leeds, as Alex Sabella (light strip) has found to his cost this season.

Clarke down

LEEDS United are one of football's embattled clubs. After the glory reign of Don Revie, once mighty United have spluttered uncertainly and left a trail of scorched managerial reputations — Brian Clough, Jimmy Armfield, Jock Stein and Jimmy Adamson.

Now comes the youngest, least experienced of them all: the 34-year-old straight-talking Allan Clarke. Can this returning hero of Elland Road's greatest era turn the tide?

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Tough-guy has cracked at Leeds

That is the verdict of Wales international Brian Flynn, the dynamo at the hub of the Leeds side.

"Life is never going to be easy or comfortable under Allan — but then that is the last thing we need," he says.

"He is not going to let anyone or anything stand in his way. He believes that he is going to become one of the best managers in the country and that is the attitude that he puts across to the players.

"Obviously you cannot become the best manager unless you have the best team. That is something that he is determined to create again at Elland Road. He is going to be good for Leeds!"

Clarke's forceful style of management at Barnsley was closely watched and assessed from his ailing former club a few miles away.

When the ex-England striker took his Barnsley players down a pit to make them appreciate how fortunate they were, it was plain that here was a rising manager of emphatic, individualistic style.

"That is the theme that comes across," agrees Flynn. "He is prepared to upset players if necessary to get results — and results are what we need. There is no cause more important to us than winning two points, and Allan quickly showed himself to be a highly realistic manager.

'Terms'

"People are saying that we are in a false position. 'With a little bit of luck, you could be halfway up the table' we are told. That isn't the right outlook and Allan would have no time for anyone comforting himself in those terms.

"You can only talk about luck for so long and then it becomes just another alibi. As to our position being false... you tell that to the clubs that are relegated every May!"

The Leeds players have faced some blunt words from the single minded Clarke. "He has upset a few — but that is bound to happen with a new manager of positive ideas. The approach he has stressed time and again is 'Never shirk responsibility'," reveals Flynn.

"He has let us know that if we avoid that unforgivable sin and give the club 100 per cent, he will give us 100 per cent in return. Every player at Elland Road knows

exactly where he stands."

Flynn is one of those players still at Elland Road who knew Clarke there as a player. "Our playing careers overlapped for about eight months. The end of his years as a First Division player were dogged by injuries, however, so we did not have that many games together.

"Then he was a private person who kept his views to himself, but there is no way that you can do that as a manager. You have to put across your policies in the dressing room and in the boardroom — and Allan very quickly demonstrated that he knew where he was going.

"When we lost that notorious



Allan Clarke in his playing days with Leeds. Now he has returned to take charge of the former football giants.

home game 0-5 to Arsenal, he had all of us back on the Sunday morning. He wanted all of us to go through that dreadful defeat in every detail. Those kind of results just will not be tolerated."

How will Leeds escape from a tight corner close at the foot of the First Division table?

"All the time, he is telling us to go forward. My own role in mid-field sums up a great deal of what Allan expects: behind the ball in defence and a free role when we are attacking."

Flynn believes that Leeds will hold on to the First Division status they have enjoyed since 1964. "We are easily good enough in terms of talent... but that takes me back to the point about a win being the only thing that counts. We have to go out there and prove it.

"The atmosphere within the club is first class. We have been



CLARKE'S RECORD

As a player — League appearances, goals and honours.

Walsall — 72 games, 41 goals.

Fulham — 85 + 1 sub, 45.

Leicester — 36, 12. F.A. Cup runners-up in 1969.

Leeds — 270 + 3 sub, 110. First Division title 1974.

F.A. Cup winners 1972. Runners-up 1970 and 1973.

European Cup runners-up 1975.

European Fairs Cup winners 1971.

Barnsley — 47, 15.

England Under-23 — 6, 7.

Full England — 19, 10.

As player-manager with Barnsley — promotion in 1979.

playing better and now we must eradicate ridiculous inconsistencies from our game.

"For instance, we had some fine results in October, taking a point at Ipswich, beating Everton and Crystal Palace. Instead of going on from there, however, we crumbled at home to Arsenal.

"Allan Clarke is working hard himself and making us work hard to get everything right. In the end, we'll do it. We won't go down!

"It will take a lot of hand work, but Clarke has us back on the rails."

Leeds haven't been winning too many friends since Clarke took over, but a desperate position calls for desperate methods. As Liverpool manager Bob Paisley remarked after Leeds' dour performance in the 0-0 draw at Anfield: "There's nothing in the rules that says you can't play defensively."

The Elland Road club seem to have turned the corner. Relegation appears to have been avoided.

But until it is mathematically impossible for Leeds to go down Clarke won't become complacent.

That word simply isn't in his vocabulary.

Brian Flynn, a strong supporter of Clarke's methods of management.



Christie leading County's charge

TREVOR Christie, the striker spearheading Notts County's charge on the Second Division's promotion battle, says: "At last people know that there are two teams in Nottingham. When Forest were winning European Cups we hardly got a mention. That's changing."

"Now we are being talked about... and rightly so because we are playing some fine football. The boss, Jimmy Sirrel, has really got us going this season."

No one proves the point better than Trevor himself. Last season, after his £80,000 transfer from Leicester, he scored nine League goals in 41 first team appearances, of which 11 were substitutions. This time he equalled his previous scoring tally before the end of October and is a key player commanding outright selection.

He sees the task ahead for himself and the County squad in exactly the same terms. "We have to keep it going. Maintain consistency and keep playing the same high standard of football. It is that straightforward."

Can County break back into the First Division after 56 years and stand shoulder to shoulder with their rivals on the other bank of the

River Trent? "Ask me with three games to go!" he responds quickly. "Seriously, we reckon that we must have a chance if we are still close after the Christmas matches."

"We were delighted with the start we made... but we know that it was JUST a start. It was the foundation on which we must build. Certainly we are in far better form this season. The boss has got us playing football from the back and building up all the way."

"That's the reason we've been scoring more goals and the side is far more settled now. We've 'bedded down' together and there is no shortage of confidence."

One major difference from last season is the arrival of Eddie Kelly from Leicester. His all-Scottish midfield partnership of massive experience with Don Masson is the hub on which County's success this season has been forged.

"We are a young side and it is marvellous to have a pair like Don and Eddie pulling us through. I know I speak for players like David Hunt, Paul Hooks, Paul Manns and myself when I say how much we owe them."

"Our football is better controlled, we are playing more for each

other and with greater composure. All this is down to the example and direction that Don and Eddie provide from midfield."

Just as Christie has found his feet at Meadow Lane this season after his tentative start, Yugoslav goalkeeper Raddy Avramovic is now fully involved as a player who speaks English.

"It is remarkable how much of the language he now masters after knowing just a few words when he came here a year ago," says Trevor.

Kelly, who left Leicester last season after their promotion back to the First Division, is already on record as saying that County are a more complete side than City at the same stage 12 months ago. It is a view which finds full backing from Christie.

'Interest'

"I had left Filbert Street before their promotion campaign started but I still live in Leicester and watch the club with great interest," he says. "I feel that we have more experience in key positions."

Just as Trevor had equalled his 1979-80 goal tally by the end of October, so had his front running partner Iain McCulloch. They now look two of the most dangerous raiders in the Second Division. "All that Iain had to find was some luck," says Trevor.

"Early on, he was hitting the posts and seeing shots stopped on the line. Now he is whacking the ball into the net and we are going well together."

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'NOTHING CERTAIN IN FOOTBALL...'



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER

WHEN Liverpool topped the table at Christmas — after a 1-0 revenge win over Wolves at Anfield — the media made great play of the fact that on the four occasions we'd enjoyed this position in the past seven seasons we'd gone on to take the Championship.

It was meant as an ominous warning to our rivals we are destined to keep the title.

If that were the case, there's no need to go through the formality of playing through the rest of the programme and we can be crowned any day now!

But football is a great game for refusing to conform to patterns, for overturning the formbook.

All the table-topping at Christmas did was to confirm our selection as favourites to finish as Champions. It signified nothing to the Liverpool team, who have learned from experience never to take anything for granted.

The journalists who brandished that statistic probably did not study the fixtures following those four particular Christmases, with a view to determining how many were due to be played away against other title-chasing sides.

This season they are all in the future — starting with Aston Villa at Villa Park this Saturday.

Whereas we Reds regarded the Yuletide situation as just another

interesting football fact, there's no doubt it may have a depressing psychological effect on some of the impressionable players in rival teams. I hope it does. We need all the help we can get in one of the most fiercely-contested title "fights" for years.

Villa are at last fulfilling my prediction that they have the makings of a great side, and our meeting with them on their ground this Saturday could turn out to be the hardest test we've faced so far this season — and we've endured some gruelling encounters!

They have already given us one hard game this season, at Anfield, where Kenny Dalglish proved to be the decisive factor, scoring two superb goals in our 2-1 win. Villa's goal came from Allan Evans, a central defender who can also double in a striking role.

The essential difference between our style of play and Villa's is they prefer a quicker build-up to moves, using one long ball in contrast to our more patient technique of two or three passes. With their way there is a greater risk of losing possession, but it has the merit of taking defences by surprise.

When I watched Villa's local derby game against Birmingham, it was noticeable how often their build-ups broke down and they gave the ball away. Their 3-0 win was not as convincing as the scoreline suggests, and they looked less impressive than when we played them.

They could have been going through the sticky, difficult patch

that befalls every team at some period in the season.

Although I regard Villa as worthy contenders, I must confess to taking the challenge of Ipswich Town more seriously, mainly because they have a more settled team, having played together longer.

Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough has given notice that now Trevor Francis has recovered from injury his team are aiming for the Championship.

My personal view is the points gap between Forest and the leaders is too wide to bridge at this stage in the season. Teams have hauled themselves back before, but the present leaders are playing too consistently to drop the points to allow Forest to make up their deficit.

Transported

No, signs are the trophy will either remain at Anfield or be transported over to Portman Road for only the second time.

Pressure is something we've learned to cope with during the past two success-studded decades at Liverpool, and we'll need to call upon every ounce of our poise and resilience over the next few days. For on the Wednesday following our game with Villa, we travel to Maine Road, Manchester, to play Manchester City in the first-leg of the League Cup Semi-Final.

This season there's an added reason for succeeding in this competition, apart from winning the only domestic trophy to have eluded us. We need all the revenue possible to help pay for the redevel-

opment of the Kemlyn Road stand at Anfield, expected to cost almost £3 million pounds.

Only Manchester City stand between us and Wembley, but it's a team transformed from the nervous, overawed one we beat comfortably by 3-0 earlier this season at Maine Road.

Under new manager John Bond they have been re-organised, and possess the confidence born from a succession of impressive results.

Although four players have been bought in the interim, I believe all are Cup-tied with the exception of Phil Boyer, who came from Southampton, and must still be regarded amongst the most respected strikers in the First Division.

Liverpool rarely prepare to face any individual, but if Dennis Tueart is picked to play, we'll be guarding against being caught "square" when he makes one of his direct runs with the ball.

City's tactic must be to tear into us straight from the kick-off, trying to unsettle us with an early goal, while we'll aim to slow the game down and gain control before we open up on all cylinders.

The draw favours us. We're experienced, through European competition, of gaining the away result that allows us to stage another night to remember in the second-leg at Anfield in front of our tremendous fans!

Wembley, here we come — again!

Ray Clemence

'City a team transformed'



Kenny Dalglish (far left) blasts Liverpool's first goal in a 3-0 League win at Maine Road this season.

BILLY ASHCROFT was converted from striker to centre-half by Middlesbrough after Stuart Boam went to Newcastle last season... and he has done a good job.

But manager John Neal reckons Ashcroft has still got a bit to learn about his new role — including when to open his mouth.

"He has got to learn to shout a bit more to tell his other defenders and the midfield about what's happening behind them," says Neal.

"Our skipper Tony McAndrew was sent off for a foul against Wolves when he thought he was left on his own. In fact, there were team-mates covering him and Billy should have been the man to tell him."

SEEMS that lunatic transfer fees are no longer confined to the higher echelons of the Football League.

An Isthmian League manager found that out when he tried to buy a young striker from the same competition — and was asked £20,000.

"A £5,000 transfer at our level causes a stir," the stunned manager said. "I could not believe it when I was asked £20,000 — what sort of mug do they take me for?"

"Even if the player I went after was wanted by a League side his club would have struggled to justify that sort of money."

Bomber's rarin' to go

WHEN West Brom hit a patch when they weren't scoring goals manager Ron Atkinson was tempted to put veteran goal ace Tony Brown back in the side.

Atkinson would not have been let down for, although he is now in his early 30's, Bomber Brown says: "I am enjoying keeping myself fit and being part of the club. I feel as sharp as ever. The only thing I miss is being part of the first team set up on Saturday afternoons. Habits are hard to break after 17 years."

Brown went back to his only English club after a summer of soccer in America and he is confident that if things get tough at the Hawthorns and Atkinson decides to put him in he would be able to cope.

He said: "If I was ever called upon I am satisfied I would be able to do a job."

FIFA referee Pat Partridge favours the idea of yellow and red cards being thrown out next season.

Partridge, one of the most experienced referees in the world, says, "I was against the card system in this country from the outset. I do not think it is necessary. It takes away vital communication between players and match officials."

"Some people claimed the card system would remove any doubt over action against players, but I cannot go along with that."

"I also disagree with the argument that cards get round the language barrier, with so many foreign players in the Football League. When I go abroad I have to learn certain things, and the same must apply to foreigners in this country."

The F.A. could back the recommendation of their referees' committee to abolish the controversial card system.

WOLVES WHIZZ KIDS



JOHN Barnwell, Wolves manager, has very little cash with which to sign new players but he has been buying time in recent months and now his patience has been rewarded.

In recent games he has drafted in several youngsters, and they have pulled out a lot of the stops with the result that Wolves are producing some of their most enterprising play for weeks.

These youngsters include the likes of John Humphrey, Mike Hollifield, Hugh Atkinson (left), Colin Brazier and Wayne Clarke.

Barnwell said: "With such talented youngsters around there is now a great deal of healthy competition for first team places and this must be good for the club."

Stoke winning anti-hooligan battle

POLICE in Stoke are winning the fight against hooliganism at the Victoria Ground, with a massive drop in the number of arrests, a local police chief claims.

Staffordshire's Chief Constable Charles Kelly claims: "The Victoria Ground is now on the way to becoming hooligan-free. Trouble there is almost negligible and so far this season arrests are down to only 50, compared with 164 at this stage of the previous year."

"Stoke now have one of the safest grounds in the country thanks to a number of factors, including the co-operation of the club and the structural alterations which have made segregation more effective."

Shaw's better than Woodcock

ASTON VILLA's pin up golden boy striker Gary Shaw got a boost from his fellow striking partner Peter Withe when the much travelled big man put him down as better than England's Tony Woodcock.

Withe played as a strike force partner with Woodcock when Nottingham Forest won the title but he says: "I regard Gary as a better all round player. He shields the ball better and is also a better finisher. His goals this season prove that."

"He has superb reflexes and snaps up just half a chance. Tony was never as good as that."

FORMER Newcastle player Rocky Hudson flies back to American football early next month, but still doesn't know who he will be playing for next season.

Hudson, 25, has spent the last three seasons with Ford Lauderdale Strikers.

Now, Cosmos are among the American clubs who would like to tempt Hudson away.



WHITE PROMISES GOALS

THE recent Luton revival has coincided with the re-emergence of centre-forward Steve White after an unhappy spell on the sidelines. Bought from Bristol Rovers in December, 1979, to boost the promotion-chasing Hatters' attack, the £185,000 forward had to wait for his first real run-out.

Now he is scoring more regularly and leading another chase for the First Division at Kenilworth Road.

Steve said: "If I stay in the team I'll score one goal every two games."

"Brian Stein and I have clicked and we have a good understanding up front. This is the first run I have had in the team and I know I can score goals. Brian and I are making them for one another and I am confident of netting regularly."

The striker added that he is happier now than at any time during his stay at Luton, so it seems only a matter of time before his name is removed from the Second Division club's transfer list.

OXFORD United's new manager Ian Greaves admits he's taking over the hot-seat from a "close personal friend", sacked manager Bill Asprey.

"God bless him," says Greaves, "but it's a case of the King is dead long live the King."

Greaves sacked as manager of Bolton, takes over at a time when Oxford are struggling to avoid relegation to the Fourth Division.

NEWS DESK

Compiled by
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MANCHESTER UNITED protege Norman Whiteside could become the youngest-ever player to represent Northern Ireland at senior international level.

That confident prediction comes from United and Ireland ace Sammy McIlroy, who rates the 16-year-old striker, in these terms: "Norman is exceptionally big and strong for his age, has a lot of potential and tremendous confidence in his own ability. He could soon be in contention for full Irish honours."

STAINROD'S HEROES

STRIKER Simon Stainrod's £300,000 move from Oldham to Queens Park Rangers has special significance for him.

The England Youth player had two favourite players as a boy, Rodney Marsh and Stan Bowles — and both of them have been stars with Rangers.

Stainrod certainly proved good business for Oldham. They paid Sheffield United £60,000 for him — that was a record fee for Oldham — when he joined them in March, 1979. In 20 months they made a handsome £240,000 profit.

BARNSELEY'S HISTORY IN PICTURES

"THE REDS — A Pictorial History of Barnsley" is a fascinating look at this famous club with photographs dating from 1887 to the present day.

Written by Grenville Firth, the book can be obtained from that very worthy organisation: The Association of Football Statisticians, 5 Hempstalls, Basildon, Essex SS15 5AA, price £3.88 which included postage.

Happy Valley

CHARLTON Athletic have a reputation for selling many of their best players, but a sponsorship deal signed with do-it-yourself specialists FADS should ease The Valley fans' worries about Paul Walsh and company.

The 2½-year contract could be worth as much as £57,000 if Charlton reach Division One during that period. As they're hot favourites to go up to Division Two this season it will mean at least £30,000 for the club.

This may not sound much, but it goes a long way towards the every-day running costs of the club. Charlton have also sold almost £25,000 worth of programme and advertising this season.

Ground improvements are in operation and on the pitch Mike Bailey's revitalised side are odds-on to make a first time return to the Second Division.

Youngsters such as Paul Walsh are attracting First Division scouts every week, but Charlton mean to keep their best players AND compete with the big boys off the field, as their sponsorship proves.

Maddren's protégé

WILLIE Maddren was always rated one of the country's best uncapped defenders before a knee injury finished his career with Middlesbrough.

Now he is coaching at Hartlepool and passing on his knowledge to Phil Brown, the teenager who is already showing a similarity in style to Maddren.

Brown, who is attracting attention from the big clubs, plays in a similar style to Maddren — picking up the pieces behind a big centre-half.

"I spend a lot of time with all our defenders," says Maddren, "but I can obviously pass on a few extra tips to Phil because he plays in the position I know best."

Oakes' rescue act

CHESTER boss Alan Oakes certainly did a good bit of business when he persuaded Trevor Birch to join the Sealand Road club from Shrewsbury instead of going into non-League soccer.

The 22-year-old Birch, who had joined Shrewsbury for £40,000 from Liverpool in March, 1979, was keen to get away from the Gay Meadow in the close season and almost joined Alliance Premier League Altrincham.

But then Oakes stepped in for the speedy Ormskirk-born striker. Now Birch is beginning to show his best form for Chester.

RECORD 460 GAMES



COLIN HARRISON has not won many honours, but he has set up something of a record playing for Walsall. When he played against Chester it was his 460th Football League appearance and beat the previous record held by hot-shot Colin Taylor.

Ironically, Harrison, who is now Walsall's coach, has recently been recalled to first team duty because of the indifferent form of the Saddlers defence.

Last season he made only one first team appearance but has now settled down into a regular role at Fellows Park.

In all, he has played in nearly 520 games for the Midland club during which time he has proved himself to be a fine club servant.



A couple of swells

A LONDON schoolboy caught a train to Southampton in the hope of meeting his hero Kevin Keegan. Richard Franks' dreams were fulfilled when the 12 year-old Saints fan, who lives in Doneraile Street, near Chelsea's ground, not only met the England captain but was presented with an autographed football by the Great Man himself.

Tearing Round

THE speed of Walsall's 17-year-old centre-forward prospect Steve Round surprises players.

The youngster, who won schoolboy soccer honours for Hereford and Worcester, was a county champion in the 100m sprint and the long jump.

Wolverhampton-born Round had experience with Kidderminster Harriers before joining the Fellows Park club last March.

FANS PEP TALK

FORMER Chelsea and Leicester striker Alan Birchenall, now player-manager of Southern League Trowbridge, gave a half-time talk with a difference.

Birchenall spoke to the crowd! He told the 700 fans about the club's problems and ambitions.

"I thought it would be good to explain to our fans why results had slipped," Birchenall explained. "Without them the club's got no chance."

In SHOOT, dated December 20th, we printed a mistake in News Desk, under the heading of transfers.

We said Gordon Staniforth moved from Hull to Carlisle. He in fact was transferred last season from York not Hull.

We apologise to readers.

Briefly...

● **SFA secretary Ernie Walker** landed a 22lb salmon while fishing on the River Tay. It put up such a fight that it took Ernie half-a-football match to land!

● **Unluckiest player in Scotland** so far this season? A leading candidate must be Berwick Rangers goalie Keith Davidson. On one Saturday, he let in nine goals, on the Monday he was in a motor accident, the following day he lost his job as a draughtsman... and the day after that Berwick told him he was dropped. That was the week that was!

● **Chris Evans**, an 18-year-old full-back or midfielder player on Arsenal's books, is an all-round sportsman.

Born in the Rhondda, he won a Welsh schoolboy soccer cap and county honours in athletics, tennis, rugby, gymnastics, basketball and cross country.

● **It's been widely suggested** that Bradford City have made history by giving the captaincy to centre back Peter Jackson at the tender age of 19. Not so, Chelsea appointed both John Hollins and Ray Wilkins to the job as mere 18-year-olds and Hereford United went one better last season when they handed the job to Andy Feeley, who was just 17!

● **What team does Bob Paisley** love to see do well — after Liverpool, of course? The answer: Sunderland.

Geordie Bob explains: "I've got a soft spot for the Wearersiders — theirs is the first result I look for after our own. I like to see them doing well and I'm glad to say that this season they seem to have established themselves in the First Division and are on the way up."

● **Derek Stonehouse**, a former Middlesbrough full back, is the new North-East scout for Crystal Palace.

Like Dad

STYLISH Cliftonville midfielder Ciaran McMurtry is following in his father's footballing footsteps.

In fact, Ciaran's talented dad, Harry McMurtry, a four-times-capped Northern Ireland Amateur international goalkeeper, had a distinguished senior spell with the Solitude Reds, back in the 1950's.

LEAGUE CUP Semi-Finalists Coventry City are keen on Tottenham Hotspur's transfer-listed full-back, Gordon Smith.

Smith would welcome a move back to the Midlands, too. He was previously with Aston Villa and has many friends in the area. But Coventry have competition for the Scot. Glasgow giants, Rangers are also interested.

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John Hollins



Steve Williams

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Wednesday	Coaching: Tackling	Coaching: Dribbling	A Visit to a League Club		5-a-Side in Gymnasium
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Friday	Game	Game	Presentation of Prizes and Certificates	Departure	

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OLD PALS SCORING ACTS

NOTHING gives a player greater satisfaction than to score against his old team-mates. There is always that special edge to the game when a player returns to his old stamping ground wearing new colours.

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If you want concrete proof of that assertion study the table below and it shows you the striking extent to which these old pals scoring acts have spread this season. The facts provide one of the most astonishing soccer sagas in the Football League's 92-years history.

Here, then, are the details of the season's non-stop succession of matches in which goals have come from players who were in action against their old clubs:

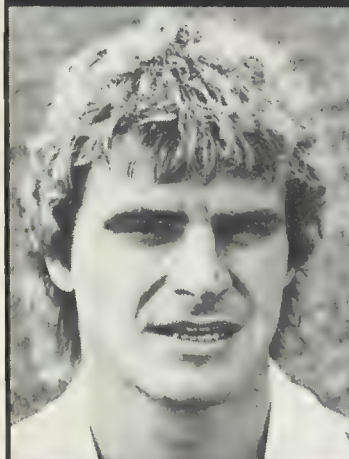
PLAYER	FOR	AGAINST	DATE
David Kemp	Plymouth	Portsmouth	Aug 12
Mike Channon	Southampton	(2) Manchester C.	Aug 16
Bob Hatton	Sheffield U.	(2) Carlisle	Aug 16
Terry Eccles	York City	Mansfield	Aug 18
Mark Palios	Crewe A.	Tranmere	Aug 18
Tommy Langley	Q.P.R.	Chelsea	Aug 30
John Bird	Hartlepool	Doncaster	Aug 30
David Kemp	Plymouth	(3) Carlisle	Sep 6
Peter Eastoe	Everton	Wolves	Sep 6
Ian Bowyer	Nottm Forest	Manchester C.	Sep 13
Trevor Lee	Colchester	Millwall	Sep 13
Bob Hatton	Sheffield U.	Blackpool	Sep 16
Gerry Keenan	Port Vale	Bury	Sep 27
David Giles	Swansea	Wrexham	Oct 4
Russell Allen	Mansfield	Tranmere	Oct 6
Alex Bruce	Preston	Newcastle	Oct 7
Trevor Phillips	Chester	(2) Hull City	Oct 8
Andy McCulloch	Sheffield W.	Cardiff	Oct 11
David Kemp	Plymouth	(2) Portsmouth	Oct 21
John Gregory	Brighton	Aston Villa	Oct 22
Steve Massey	Bournemouth	Stockport	Oct 24
Robbie Cooke	Peterborough	Mansfield	Oct 25
Mick Robinson	Brighton	Manchester C.	Oct 25
Alan Birch	Chesterfield	Walsall	Oct 25
Joe Royle	Norwich	Everton	Nov 8
Bobby Shinton	Newcastle	Cambridge	Nov 8
Andy Ritchie	Brighton	Manchester U.	Nov 22
Aidan McCaffery	Bristol R.	Derby	Nov 22
Tommy Robson	Peterborough	Northampton	Nov 22
Danny Wilson	Chesterfield	Wigan	Nov 22
Emlyn Hughes	Wolves	Liverpool	Nov 25
Ian Wallace	Nottm Forest	Coventry	Nov 29
Danny Wilson	Chesterfield	Bury	Dec 2

Note that David Kemp has entered his name on that particular score-sheet three times and Bob Hatton and Danny Wilson twice each.

In one way and another it all adds up to a fantastic array, doesn't it? And if the season's second half is anything like as prolific in these old pals acts as the first has been it will all make for a truly incredible chapter in soccer.



Mick Robinson (Brighton)



David Kemp (Plymouth)

Peter Eastoe (Everton)



Mike Channon (Southampton)



Danny Wilson (Chesterfield)

Bob Hatton (Sheffield United)



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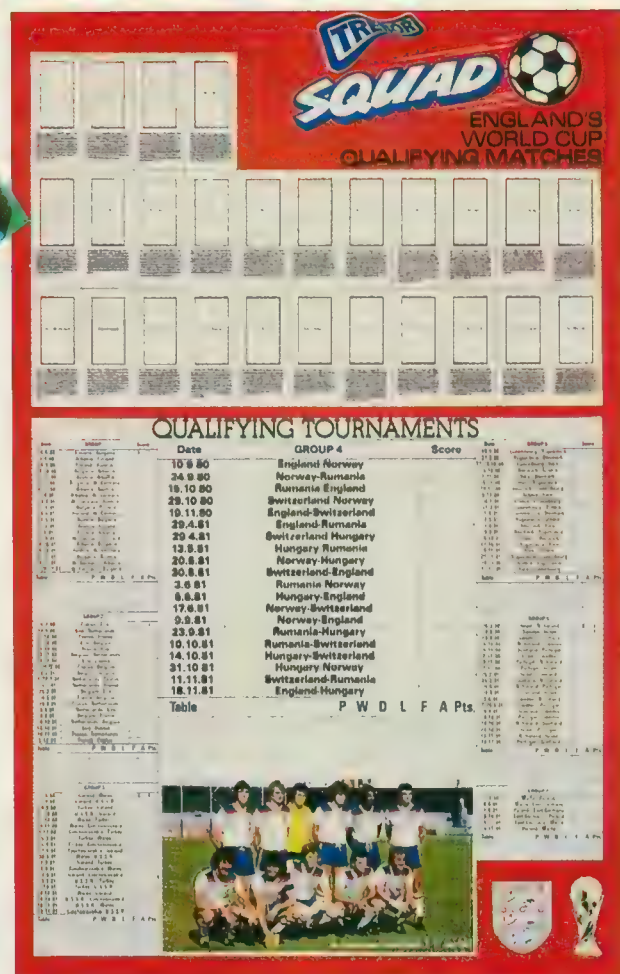
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THE GREAT AMERICAN DREAM IS OVER

THE Great American Dream is over... before it really began. Hopes of reaching the 1982 World Cup Finals were dashed when the United States finished bottom of their qualifying group; Mexico and Canada now go through to the CONCACAF play-off.

For the U.S. it has been a bitter pill to swallow. They desperately wanted to be in Spain to show that American soccer has arrived at international level.

The failure of the national side coincided with the news that three North American Soccer League clubs — Houston Hurricane, Rochester Lancers and Washington Diplomats — had returned their franchises.

It's probable that the 1981 season will see a reduction from 24 clubs, as every one of the clubs lost money last year, with total debts of around £12 million. This, despite a seven per cent improvement in attendances.

Soccer will survive in the States, but with scars.

The N.A.S.L. and the United States Soccer Federation hardly work hand-in-hand; until they do, it's unlikely that the U.S. will be a power in world football, even a minor one.

The League clubs, owned by

individuals or corporations, are interested only in themselves. If they help the national side it's a coincidence.

The national XI suffers because of the preoccupation of the clubs with foreign stars.

National coach Walt Chyzowych (say it 'chiz-o-vitch') is banging his head against a brick wall — and the wall's winning.

"We need honest Americans in the League, not European thieves or phonies. There are around ten great foreign stars in the League. Apart from them, I don't believe the rest attract more fans than American players would.

"The rules say 'three Americans must play'. Why not 'only eight foreigners'? In England and other countries there is a maximum of foreign stars — here it's Americans who are singled out.

"I can't create miracles in three weeks. My players arrive and I'm expected to work the oracle. Too many of them don't play regularly. They're kept out by foreigners — or, if you like, because they're American.

"The U.S.S.F. have the trump card, but they won't use it."

The Federation may have the trump card, but the N.A.S.L. holds all the aces — a case of the tail

wagging the dog.

Ironically, the ideal situation for the U.S. team would be for its players to be with the smaller, less successful clubs — at least then they would have regular soccer.

Champions Cosmos have six American players — Boris Bandov, Jeff Durgan, Rick Davis, Angelo DiBernado, Larry Hulcer and Mark Liveric. Of these, only two can play each week — superstar Giorgio Chinaglia, the Welsh-Italian, has American citizenship and counts as an American player.

Regulars

During the regular 1980 season only DiBernado and Jeff Durgan were regulars, with Chinaglia making up the American trio.

For the rest, Davis started ten games, Bandov none, Hulcer three and Liveric six.

Larry Hulcer typifies the problems that Chyzowych and the national team face. In 1979 he was voted Rookie (newcomer) of the Year; he was transferred to the Cosmos and whilst he joined the country's top club, he has hardly played since.

The Cosmos, the richest club in the world, owned by the giant

Warner Communications, have a squad of 27 players. Money is no object to them — they want the best and they get them.

Rick Davis, reckoned by most critics to be the best American player, is unhappy with the situation. He's frustrated with the system, which is counter-productive.

"It must be the greatest achievement for a player to perform in the World Cup Finals," he told me. "It's nice to win honours and play for the Champions, but the World Cup has to be the ultimate.

"The ruling about American players should be changed so that it means only players born in the U.S. qualify. It's a good ruling because in some teams there would probably be less than three Americans, yet on the other hand the rule is abused by naturalised Americans.

"Too many clubs think a foreign player is automatically better than an American one. Our national team suffers with players sitting on the bench instead of playing.

"The national team isn't taken seriously. The public still think playing for the Olympic side is more prestigious. I've told fans that I've played in a World Cup tie and they nod and say 'oh yeh'.

Perry Van Der Beck (left) and Rick Davis (below) are among the few home-grown Americans to make an impression in the national side.



American coach Walt Chyzowych (above) has been frustrated by the N.A.S.L.'s reliance on foreign stars such as Chelsea's Clive Walker (light strip, right). Larry Hulcer (above right) in action against the Mexicans.

"Then I mention I also played in the Olympic XI and their eyes light up. They can't see that soccer is a small Olympic sport — they put it alongside athletics and swimming. "We had a ludicrous situation at the Cosmos just before our games against Mexico and Canada. The Cosmos had a post-season tour and at first refused to release the American players with the exception of Mark Liveric.

"I voiced my opinion and won my release. My contract says I'll be released when both parties agree, which means nothing. For our early games Angelo DiBernardo, Boris Bandov and Larry Hulcer were flying from Europe back to North America to play — ridiculous."

The 22-year-old non-smoking, non-drinking and non-swearing Davis is one of the most articulate players I've ever interviewed. He realises what people expect of him as the American Superstar and talks about it with refreshing honesty.

"I feel there are other young Americans as outstanding as I am. The title fell to me because I was in the public eye, playing in New York. In 1979 I was the American Player of the Year, yet I don't kid myself that being with the Cosmos helped.

"It seems that because of the award coaches can play me anywhere. I was originally a forward, then a midfielder for six years, then a defender. In the four World Cup ties against Mexico and Canada I played centre-forward, right-winger, stopper then sweeper. I've had to constantly change my game, which is

confusing."

Davis also had his troubles with Cosmos coach Hennes Weisweiler.

"I respect Hennes as a coach and what he achieved in West Germany, but I wasn't happy when he wanted me to play full-back. Our ideas on full-back play were different, too, and we had a personal conflict, which has been sorted out now.

"The U.S. needs a true superstar like Pelé or Chinaglia, someone the American kids can look up to and want to be like. It won't be me, although I shall obviously try to improve all-round in 1981.

"Playing with the likes of Franz Beckenbauer has helped me. If I have a hero, though, it's Johan Neeskens. Perhaps it's because we're similar physically, but I'd love to be able to play like Johan.

Growth

"I don't know what will happen to me this year. It looks as if I'll be substitute again and if that's so I'll take a realistic view at what's happening. I don't only represent Rick Davis, but also the growth of American soccer."

After seeing the U.S. team beat Mexico 2-1 in a meaningless World Cup tie (they were already out by then) my view is that there are some useful American players, but not forwards.

Goalkeepers Arnie Mausser and Winston DuBose would hold their own in Division Two, while with coaching and experience Perry Van Der Beck and Angelo DiBernardo could make the grade.

Davis stood out, even playing out of position as sweeper. This winter he hopes to spend three weeks in Hamburg and Barcelona training, which won't do him any harm.

The question must be asked, too, why Canada succeeded where the USA failed. Canada face the same sort of problems — they had to play their World Cup-ties without captain Bruce Wilson, whom the Cosmos refused to release.

The Canadians are possibly more experienced and defend better, although their coach has his players as infrequently as Chyzowych.

N.A.S.L. clubs tend to look to foreigners for goalscorers, which restricts young Americans.

Chyzowych isn't quitting, despite the setback. "I'm only warming up. I hope people will take a closer look at the problems now. I honestly believe we were the best team in our qualifying group; we didn't play well, although that doesn't mean we're not a good team.

"We need a few eyes opened and administrative changes.

"There are two million kids playing soccer here and they're doing things with a ball I didn't even dream about at that age. It must be remembered that, really, we're only ten years old as far as soccer is concerned and there are countries that have played for much longer who haven't achieved anything."

In the meantime the N.A.S.L. prepares for what will obviously be a vital season. When a club like

Washington, complete with Cruyff, owned by Madison Square Garden and whose 1980 attendances almost doubled from 1979, goes under it's cause for concern.

The Memphis Rogues are now the Calgary Boomers; the New England Tea Men have moved from Boston to Florida and are now the Jacksonville Tea Men; Philadelphia Fury have gone to Montreal.

Losses

The N.A.S.L. expanded too quickly in 1977, when it went from 18 to 24 teams. Owners aren't prepared to stand gigantic losses and 1981 is the year of reality.

ABC T.V. is ready to deal the N.A.S.L. another blow by reducing its already tiny coverage, from six games to possibly just the Soccer Bowl Final.

Financially, it won't mean very much, as in 1980 each club received just £11,000 from ABC.

If that is far more than Football League clubs receive, it's worth remembering that the American grid-iron football clubs in the National Football League will receive a staggering £2.2 million each for 1981.

The U.S., who once beat England in the World Cup Finals 31 years ago, have come a long way in a short time. Perhaps too far too quickly, with the American national team being forgotten on the way.

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'OUR AMAZING DISGRACE'

Danny McGrain in action for Scotland against England at Hampden Park.



ONCE it was the greatest football stadium in the world, a palace when even the most famous countries had no more than slums for football homes.

Now, as Derek Johnstone pointed out in his column last week, Hampden's future is in the balance, with the odds heavily on the whole thing toppling over the edge. And, to tell you the truth, I'm not surprised.

The fact is that it is far too late to do anything about Hampden now. We are at least 20 years behind the times in thinking about it.

At the beginning of the 60's Hampden proved it could play host to the great games — even the greatest of them all when Real Madrid beat Eintracht 7-3 in front of 134,000 for the European Cup Final.

It was then that the authorities should have moved to make Hampden another Maracana Stadium.

Instead, as football moved for-

ward, Hampden stood still, as indeed did so many of the grounds in the country.

Let's be honest, only Parkhead, Ibrox and Pittodrie have improved in any marked way.

It is a disgrace that nothing has happened at the ground before now.



Surely we should have taken a tip from Wembley, which is so good it has become part of the London tourist scene — even as much as the Tower, St. Paul's and the Palace.

It amazes me the authorities have stood still all these years.

Of course Hampden has a huge part in the legend of Scottish football, but it won't be so near to your heart if you have tramped through the mud to a place on the crumbling terraces.

It is beyond a joke now. The future of Hampden looks like a losing battle to me.

The authorities and the government, no matter who is right or wrong, will have to stop squabbling. It's make your mind up time, folks!

We have to do something about a new home for Scottish football and I certainly don't go along with those who fear the worst if it is to be Parkhead or Ibrox.

You know, in a funny sort of way, it might just help kill off some of the bitterness between some of the so called Old Firm fans if they came to accept that the opposition ground was also their national stadium.

And yet for all this, I can still remember my first game at Hampden, and that is a memory I will always cherish.

It was an Under-15 Schools' game for Glasgow against Bradford in 1966, which I think we won.

I'm afraid Hampden is about no more than memories now.

Meanwhile, still on the international front but on a brighter note, congratulations to Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who is to be presented with the award as Europe's Player of the Year.

Success

I will admit so some disappointment that my old mate Kenny Dalglish has not won the title yet, but I suppose that can be put down to his lack of success at international level both with Scotland and Liverpool.

But when you consider what he's done since signing for Liverpool from Celtic at the now ridiculous price of £440,000, the fact that his injury at the end of last year was his first real absence from the Liverpool side is unreal.

I believe missing out on English First Division football for even a couple of weeks will do him the world of good, and unbelievable though it might seem, he will become an even better player before the season is out.

Nobody relishes a battle more than Kenny, and I am convinced he will prove to be the decisive factor in Liverpool beating off the challenge of Ipswich and Aston Villa to retain the Football League Championship.

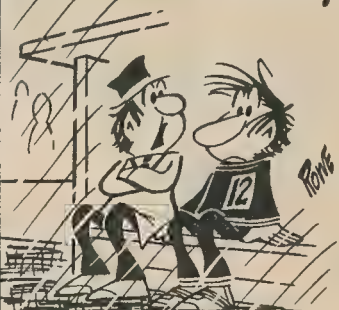
Cheers for now, and I hope you will join me again in two weeks,

Danny McGrain

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' DEREK JOHNSTONE

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WHO'S THE LUCKY ONE YOU'RE BRINGING OFF, BOSS?



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SHOOT honours two of Scotland's most colourful characters

WILLIE Ormond first made his name as a flying, astute winger in the Famous Five forward line of Hibs in the 50's. He came back after breaking a leg three times before going to Falkirk and taking up coaching.

After a spell with St. Johnstone, he became one of the most popular Scottish international bosses of all time.

After four fairly successful years he moved on to become manager of Hearts where he was sensationally sacked last season with the team sitting on top of the First Division and poised for promotion. He returned to first love Hibs as assistant to Eddie Turnbull and took over as manager last May.

Recently the final curtain came down on Ormond's involvement with big-time football when he was forced to quit as Hibs boss on doctor's orders.

Bobby Lennox, 17 years a player at Parkhead and a key man in the side that won the European Cup in '67, admits he was an average player who had "a bit of speed and possibly a nose for scoring goals."

In saying that, Lennox becomes a master of the understatement. This friendly little man from Saltcoats, in Ayrshire, terrorised rear-

BOBBY LENNOX staying on at Celtic

but this was the time to get out.

"The doctor warned me and eventually I had to put my health first. I'll still be going back to see football games, but I'll be selecting my matches."

Ormond will always be remembered for leading Scotland to the World Cup Finals in West Germany in 1974. It was the first time the Scots had reached the Final stages for 16 years.

Billy Bremner, the courageous captain of that side, says: "Mr Ormond had a way with players. He trusted us and treated us like adults. We knew we couldn't ever let him down. He was a player's manager."

Ironically, Lennox, like Ormond, also started his career as an outside-left, but he says: "I was going nowhere fast before Jock Stein took over at Parkhead in 1965."

"He told me to play in the middle, where he thought my speed would pay greater dividends. I gave it a try and was startled myself as the goals started to flow. There was no looking back after that."

Lennox won every honour domestic soccer had to offer including 11 League Championship medals, Scottish Cup and League Cup honours, as well as international recognition.

SHOOT says today ... Thanks for the memories, lads!



WILLIE ORMOND quit on doctor's orders



guards at home and abroad with his uncanny, lightning reflexes and scored around 400 goals for the club in a glittering career.

Now Bobby has scored his last goal and hung up his shooting boots. The remarkable 37-year-old 'youngster' has been forced to give up the playing side of the game because of a persistent groin injury.

But he will not be leaving Celtic. He has been named manager of the reserve side in place of Frank Connor, who recently replaced Davie Smith as manager of Berwick Rangers.

Ormond and Lennox were two of the most likeable personalities in Scottish soccer.

"It was a sad day for football when Willie Ormond had to leave Hibs," says millionaire chairman Tom Hart.

"The doctor's orders had to be obeyed and he went with our best wishes for his new life outside football."

Ormond was the team manager who wanted to rule with a grin rather than a growl. He preferred a smile to a scowl. He would ask rather than demand.

"Football has given me a good life," says Ormond. "I've got so many great memories,



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AIRDRIE'S SUPERFAST STRIKER

WHEN Airdrie won promotion to the Premier Division a lot of eyes turned in the direction of much-vaunted striker Sandy Clark.

He was a good, competent goalscorer in the First Division, but the critics asked if he would be skilled enough to maintain his run in the Top Ten.

The pressure was on Clark without a ball being kicked, but the superfast striker has come up with the ideal answer.

His displays have been refreshing and exciting as he has led the Premier Division 'upstarts' into battle, and there can't be many centre-backs who relish the thought of playing against Clark, who was wanted by Hibs last season, but their £170,000 bid was rejected by the Broomfield Board.

'Important'

"That decision delighted me," says enthusiastic manager Bobby Watson. "It proved that players on the field were more important than cash in the bank to the directors, and that helps you get on with the job of getting a team together."

"Sandy Clark is a key member of my squad. He accepts the responsibility of a front runner and is an ideal leader."

"He has great confidence in his ability and that commodity is crucial in a front player."

"Clark, like every other Airdrie player, is enjoying life in the Premier Division."

Cheeky Clark, who has skill in abundance to match his

confidence, admits he used to be Rangers daft, but already this season he has made life extremely difficult for the men from Ibrox.

"In our first League game of the season we got a 1-1 draw with Rangers at Broomfield," says Clark. "That result was good for our confidence."

"People may have thought it was a fluke, but I think we disproved that notion by drawing with them at Ibrox, too."

"Airdrie may not be a glamorous outfit, but we are afraid of no one. I'm certain we can consolidate our position in the Premier Division and then build on that."

The Broomfield men have won accolades this season from opposing managers such as Rangers' John Greig.

Sportingly, after his side's 1-1 draw at Broomfield, Greig said: "They were good value for their point. They fought all the way treating the game like a Cup-tie. They played it absolutely right."

As you might expect, the scouts from the big money clubs are now booking season tickets for Broomfield and the two players under constant watch are striker Clark and goalkeeper John Martin, a first season senior who cost £300 from the Juniors.

But Bobby Watson is in no rush to sell. He wants them to be a success. And he wants them to be a success at Broomfield.

Sandy Clark is tackled by St. Mirren defender Andy Dunlop (stripes) earlier in the season.

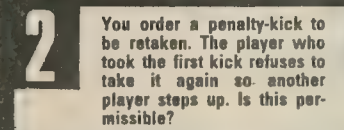


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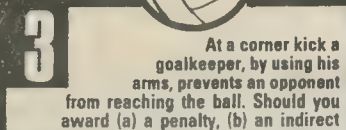
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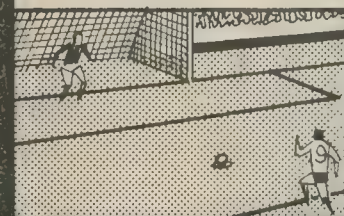
1 A defender, in his own penalty-area attempts to push an opponent but misses. Should you award: (a) an indirect free-kick, (b) a penalty, or (c) take no action?



2 You order a penalty-kick to be retaken. The player who took the first kick refuses to take it again so another player steps up. Is this permissible?



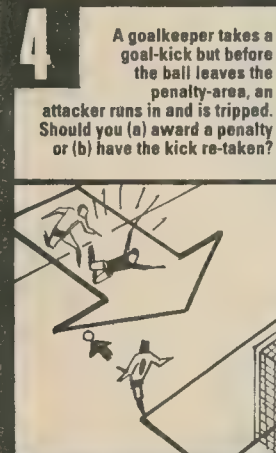
3 At a corner kick a goalkeeper, by using his arms, prevents an opponent from reaching the ball. Should you award (a) a penalty, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) have the corner retaken?



4 A goalkeeper takes a goal-kick but before the ball leaves the penalty-area, an attacker runs in and is tripped. Should you (a) award a penalty or (b) have the kick re-taken?



5 Should you take any notice of a player who tells you that an opponent committed an offence that should mean his sending off?



ANSWERS

1. Take no action (c). 2. Yes. 3. A penalty (a). 4. Have the kick re-taken (b). 5. No. It is similar to the Keegan and Ipswich case. At their opponents' I tell them in no uncertain words: "LEAVE THE REFEREEING TO ME". The recent match between Southampton and Aston Villa was no exception. Kevin did comment on a few occasions about decisions I should have given.

'Give Birmingham a break' pleads Joe Gallagher

BIRMINGHAM'S Joe Gallagher has a high regard for the St. Andrews fans. But he is convinced that they won't agree with him on one important topic — their team's chances of getting into Europe.

"My belief is that we are capable of finishing in the top six this season," says Joe.

"Our home record has been good, our defence consistent enough, and Frank Worthington has been helping himself to a few goals.

"But I'm sure the attitude of most of our supporters is that we have still to prove to them that we have the ability to climb up the table.

"I suppose that's fair enough — deeds not words will convince them, and it's up to the players to show that although we have just come up from the Second Division we are already well established in the top flight.

"Now we must maintain our form on our own ground over the next few months and pick up the extra away points which could put us among the leaders."

Gallagher, who has been ten years with Birmingham, was delighted when he was selected for the England "B" team against Australia at St. Andrews in November.

"It was a thrill to turn out in a representative match, and although I thought I'd had better games, the England manager Ron Greenwood gave me a boost when he told me he was pleased with my form."

While Gallagher rates the "B" international as one of the highlights of his decade at St.

Andrews, he recalls past events in Cup and League which brought him disappointment as well as satisfaction.

"I got our only goal in the drawn 1975 F.A. Cup Semi-Final against Fulham, but in the replay they scored in the last minute of extra-time to win 1-0. But achieving promotion with Birmingham in 1980 rubbed out memories of previous set-backs."

The mention of 1980 reminded Gallagher of thoughts he has had about football in the 80's, and his reaction to some of the proposals put forward aimed at improving the game.

He says: "I don't think that awarding three points for an away win is necessarily going to make teams serve up more attacking football — some clubs may feel that with three points at stake they will have to play more cautiously to make sure they don't lose them.

"And there has been talk of eliminating off-side, but to me, using offside tactics to frustrate opposing forwards is a part of a defender's game which I wouldn't want to give up.

"My belief is that there is nothing wrong with the rules of soccer as they stand, and tampering with them is certainly no guarantee of improvement.

"Having said that, nobody in the game can feel happy about the hooliganism and violence on the terraces. If it were possible to have everybody seated, I'm sure it would reduce



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outbreaks of fighting among rival groups of supporters and make a policeman's job much easier."

Not surprisingly, as a man with years of experience behind him, Joe has definite views concerning what players and referees can contribute to the game.

He says: "I'm all for loyalty to club and teammates — which is why I'm not convinced that the freedom of contract for players is a good idea.

"It encourages players to move about and change clubs more frequently, but I'm not certain that this is such a good thing.

"And to referees, I would just make one plea — please be more consistent in your decisions. In a particular instance, a player can be booked for committing a foul, while in the same game another gets off scot free for making an identical tackle."

Gallagher, due his benefit this season with Birmingham and still only in his mid-20's, has no regrets concerning his career so far.

He says: "As long as there are strikers like Garry Birtles around to test me, I'll enjoy every minute of every match."

ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

ACROSS:—

- (3) Joe —, former England striker. (5)
 (4) Ground of Reading F.C. (3 & 4)
 (11) Norwich City defender. (5 & 4)
 (14) Accommodate or confer favour on. (6)
 (16) Come to a standstill. (4)
 (18) Scouts might send one to the clubs. (6)
 (19) Direction in which a thing fronts. (6)
 (21) Mick —, Coventry City defender. (4)
 (23) Brian —, Brighton mid-field player. (6)
 (24) Free from blame. (9)
 (25) Without expression. (7)
 (28) Bottom of Scottish Division One last season. (5)

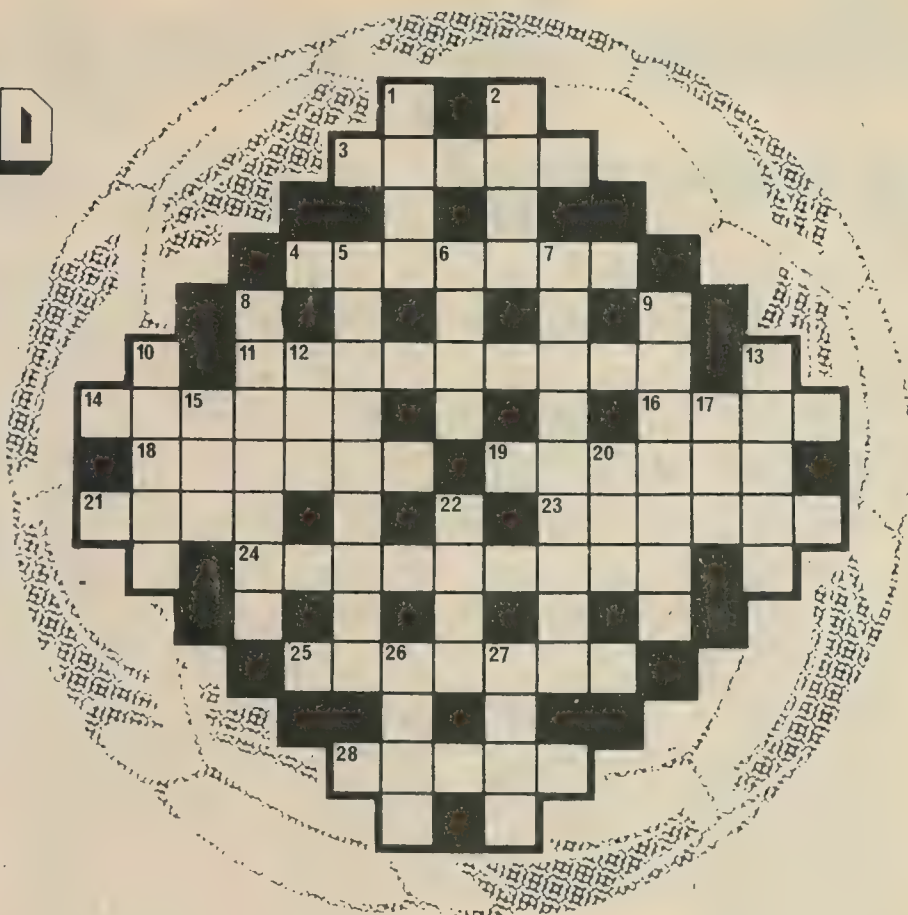
DOWN:—

- (1) Stuart —, Newcastle United defender. (4)
 (2) -hi- Bo-rsm-, Swansea City striker. (4)
 (5) Famous English First Division club who have only won the F.A. Cup

twice, in 1964/65 & 1973/74. (9)

- (6) Gary —-rey, WBA defender. (4)
 (7) Ground of Southend United. (5 & 4)
 (8) Captain ... by another name. (7)
 (9) Sticks (like mud to one's boots!). (7)
 (10) — Stadium; home of Rangers. (5)
 (12) If Everton, Aldershot & Reading give "RED"; what do Orient, Brighton & Alloa give? (3)
 (13) Forename of famous Watford Chairman. (5)
 (15) Take three letters from Wolves to give a sign of the Zodiac. (3)
 (17) Kenny J--ket-; Watford defender. (3)
 (20) Stoke City; "The --- ters." (3)
 (22) — Neal; Q.P.R. striker. (4)
 (26) — McLeod; Motherwell manager. (4)
 (27) Brian —, Bolton striker. (4)

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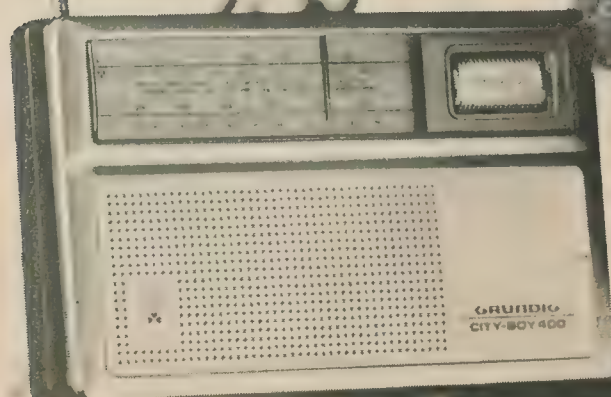
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This week's Star Letter comes from S. Bell of Bicester, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

HODDLE FOR ENGLAND? NO!

★ Should Glenn Hoddle be a regular for England? I've followed Spurs for 21 years since I was eight and have missed only four home games in the last six seasons. So I feel more qualified to speak than an armchair fan.

As a 90-minute player Hoddle does not rate — Steve Perryman and Chris Hughton leave him standing. Glenn is brilliant in patches on the ball, but tends to be lazy when not in possession.

At the moment Ron Greenwood is right to leave him out. Until Glenn becomes a 90-minute player like Terry McDermott or Trevor Brooking he'll stay a sub.

Success in soccer comes from consistency in every game, not 20 each season. The day Glenn gives 100 per cent in attack and defence in every game he will deserve an England place.

But not until then.



● Glenn (above) scored 22 goals from midfield last season, which indicates consistency. He's been on target fairly regularly this season, too. But I agree, it's infuriating that such a talented player can be so frustrating with his skills.

Bristol United

WITH the standard of Bristol football steadily in decline, with both Rovers and City at the wrong end of Division Two, it would make sense for the two clubs to amalgamate.

They should form Bristol United and play at Ashton Gate. Hopefully the new club would appeal to a wider audience as well as the faithful 6,000 at Rovers and 8,000 at City.

If things remain as they are I'm certain that Bristol will have two representatives in Division Three next season.

MART PRATEN,
BRISTOL.

● What do other supporters of Rovers and City think of this idea?

Failure Mal

THE massive publicity regarding Malcolm Allison is totally unjustified. He makes outrageous comments, spends a lot of money without success and moves from club to club.

In every newspaper, magazine and on TV there is something about him. Why don't they let him get on with his job, which invariably ends in failure?

J. HAYWARD,
PORTSMOUTH.

● There is a big difference from being a top coach and a top manager. I still think Big Mal is a top coach.

Easy Cup

THE European Cup is becoming easier to win each year. Now, there are about eight teams of roughly the same standard and any of these could win the trophy.

As a Leeds supporter I was particularly disappointed when we lost to Bayern Munich in 1975. We couldn't win the Cup then, yet when I look at that Leeds side and compare it to some of the teams who have made a name for themselves since (Malmo etc.) it saddens me.

Some of the beaten Finalists from yesteryear would murder today's best teams.

PETER BYRNE,
COBH.

● While the standard has dropped it's never easy to win the European Cup. Liverpool apart, the standard of English domestic football has gone down, too — yet even the mighty Reds don't find winning the Championship easy. It just looks like it!

Dalglish best

RUMMENIGGE is Europe's best — that was your headline. As a Liverpool fan I was amazed that no one mentioned Kenny Dalglish in your European Player of the Year poll.

His outstanding talent should be recognised and surely he is one of, if not the best forward in the world.

DAVID GARLAND,
DUBLIN.

● Dalglish has been superb for Liverpool over the past year, but unlike Rummenigge has not helped his club and country to international success.

Not that great

HOW can Don Howe claim Frank Stapleton is the most complete striker in Europe? I agree that Frank's record in the English League makes impressive reading.

However, the most complete striker in Europe should be able to score against the best defences in Europe i.e. in internationals.

Stapleton's record for the Republic of Ireland is poor — and that is an undeniable fact. In no way can this be attributed to poor supply as Liam Brady, Tony Grealish and Gerry Daly are three of the best midfielders around.

Even in games where he's had a

recognised winger to provide crosses Frank hasn't done his job. He lives on his reputation and with another country would have been dropped by now.

PATRICK CLEARY,
CO. TIPPERARY.

● Frank's scoring record for Eire is very poor. For Arsenal he's scored almost 70 League goals in around 200 appearances. You can draw your own conclusions from that.

Mean attack

A MEAN and vindictive attack... that's how I'd describe the SHOOT view on England.

Without any reason you openly criticised Ron Greenwood, who has put England back on its feet in the soccer world.

Would you have been so quick to criticise had England not disappointed in Italy? No, like most other people you waited like vultures to pounce.

You compared running England to running a successful club, such as Liverpool. The two are NOT comparable.

It was sad to see a normally well-thought magazine stooping to unnecessary criticism such as this.

IAN WALL,
CASTLE DONNINGTON.

● When a team finishes fifth in a poor European Championship it must expect criticism. England have been hit by injuries, but even with a full squad I don't think they can compete with the top sides (West Germany, Argentina etc.) when it matters: in competition. My own view is that Greenwood should look to 1982 and ask himself if certain senior players (i.e. Dave Watson) will be effective. If not, replacements should be groomed now, not during the World Cup.

Private or public?

AS an admirer of Steve Williams, the Southampton midfielder, I want to express my views on his recent row with manager Lawrie McMenemy.

Saints' boss was correct to criticise and suspend Williams for not going on a short club tour. Steve's game has not been up to standard this season and Lawrie hit the nail on the head when he questioned the player's attitude.

My only criticism is that the punishment should have been done privately.

JOANNE ASHLEY,
HENLEY-ON-THAMES.



● I disagree. The Southampton fans who pay Steve's wages have a right to know what's going on at their club. Full marks to McMenemy — and I think Steve (above) will come out of this a better player.

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Revie's Leeds

What major honours did Leeds win under Don Revie?

DEVADAS PILLAI,
WEST MALAYSIA

● The Don was boss at Elland Road from 17th March, 1961 to 4th July, 1974. Devadas:

After being Division Two Champions, Leeds were twice League Champions, and five times runners up.

They also won the F.A. Cup, and were three times beaten Finalists. The League Cup was also won.

In Europe, Leeds twice won the Fairs Cup, and were also beaten Finalists in both that and the Cup Winners Cup.

And Revie himself was three times voted 'Manager of the Year'.

More points than goals

Goals are getting fewer in modern football, but has any club ever become England's League Champions with more points than goals?

DARIN FEELEY,
JAPAN

● Well, Darin, the most recent occasion was when Leeds did just that in becoming Champs in 1968/69.

Then they gained 67 points (from 27 wins and 13 draws) but scored only 66 goals — only the fifth time, since the League started in 1888, that such a thing has happened.

Unhappiest debut

Goals-wise, what was the unhappiest Football League debut any goalkeeper has ever made?

PAUL GAMEZ,
LIVERPOOL

● It was made by a rather embarrassed keeper named Stan Milton, Paul.

Making his League debut for Halifax in a Third Division (North) game at Stockport on 6th January, 1934, he had the misfortune to be on the receiving-end of a 13-0 hammering.

Then, in another Third North game on 29th September, 1951, a keeper named Murray let in 11 goals while making his own debut for Crewe against Lincoln.

Championship scorers

Who were England's scorers in the Finals of the European Championship in Italy?

ALEXANDER KOH,
BORNEO

● Sadly for England, Alexander, there were only three goals in the three games played out there.

Ray Wilkins scored in the 1-1 draw with Belgium, and Trevor Brooking and Tony Woodcock found the net in the 2-1 defeat of Spain.

The other game was the 1-0 loss to Italy.

DON'T talk to Alan Gowling about £1 million transfers. It isn't that the Bolton Wanderers' star has anything against Trevor Francis, Garry Birtles and the other big-money men.

It's simply that he reckons the "crazy" transfer system which permits huge sums to change hands has done more harm to English football than any other single factor.

And as the new Chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, the players' 2,800-strong trade union, he intends to try to bring the game to its senses.

The University-educated Lancastrian, aged 31, told SHOOT: "Bad financial management is the besetting sin among League clubs and I believe that what has caused most cash problems is the ever-rising transfer fees.

"The £1 million transfer has done more harm than most people think.

"Apart from the fact that the buying club have stretched themselves to the limit — and even beyond — to sign a player in that bracket, they then have the problem of paying him a wage which his huge fee merits.

"This has a knock-on effect as the newcomer's team-mates rightly seek to have their pay increased proportionately.

"That, together with some ridiculous bonus schemes, is draining finances.

"With this happening, I'm even more convinced that the best system for transfers is one based on age, wages, experience and

where a player is moving from and to.

"For instance, Second Division to First or First to Third. This way clubs could stabilise fees and keep them under control."

Gowling, whose career has spanned Manchester United, Huddersfield Town, Newcastle United and now Bolton, is optimistic that soccer will survive the present difficulties.

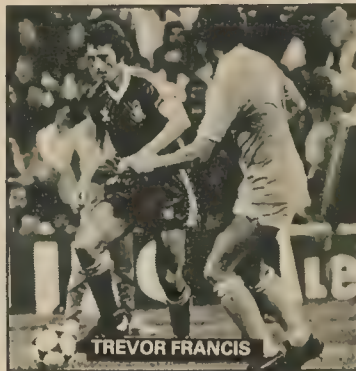
But he accepts that Third and

"They come to the game with more pleasure, possibly more enthusiasm, than those who are in it full-time.

"But I wouldn't like to see clubs force my members into part-time soccer. It has to be a gradual, possibly slow, process, with the individual making his own decision."

Gowling, who eventually hopes to take up a business career, admits that he is unlikely to be

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Fourth Division clubs might have to go part-time eventually — or at least carry a complement of such players.

And he thinks that could improve standards. He points out: "Rugby League has this tradition of players carrying on a normal occupation and playing football as a hobby.

playing at 35. So that means he has only a few years before him as PFA Chairman, as the chief-executive must be a registered player.

His ambition is to hand over to his successor with the game in a healthier state than it is at present. And to do that, he says, clubs must stop living beyond their means.

"But we must also 'sell' the game better than we have done," he says. "We have to examine new methods of marketing what is a very saleable product. If there's to be lots of televised football, clubs must ensure that they have more say in how it's put over.

"I hope we can persuade TV to cut out close-ups of fouls, for instance. I believe the game is no dirtier now than it was 20 years ago.

"Soccer is a marvellous game."

ALAN GOWLING



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LIVERPOOL'S Alan Kennedy confesses he has learned a lot since moving to Merseyside from Newcastle in 1978.

Part of his Anfield soccer education includes the ability to accept Central League football after previously commanding a regular first team place.

Says Alan: "When I was injured in November and Avi Cohen took over from me, I was disappointed but not shattered.

"At Liverpool, I've always been aware that if a player gets a knock and is laid up for a week or so, he will find that somebody has stepped into his place — and it will be a struggle to regain it.

classified only as average at Liverpool.

"So many of our team at Anfield regularly turn in good performances that a player has to be outstanding to merit a special mention."

With the struggle for a place in the first team so intense, would Kennedy lose his competitive edge if he had a prolonged spell in the slower-paced, less hectic Central League?

"There is no way I would lose the urge to compete, I couldn't afford to. At Newcastle, I used to think I was a fairly consistent full-back, but at Liverpool I've had to be better over a long period.

Cup, although he had visions of realising this ambition as a teenager in 1974.

"I played for Newcastle against Liverpool in what proved to be a one-sided Final, with United completely out of touch. Now I'm after an F.A. Cup-winners medal, and it's not my priority alone — the rest of the Liverpool team feel the same way."

If losing at Wembley over six years ago with Newcastle was a major disappointment for Kennedy, he has had compensations in his career at Anfield, twice winning League Championship medals. Now, he is aiming to collect a third this season.

He says: "One of our biggest rivals for the title is obviously Aston Villa, who finished up just outside the first half-dozen clubs last season but seem determined to improve on that performance.

"There is also Ipswich, and I wouldn't write off our old rivals, Everton — Joe McBride and Steve McMahon impress me tremendously in their line-up.

"For myself, I'll continue to do my best whether it is in the first team or second, keeping my fingers crossed that I can steer clear of further injuries. If I can do this, I'll be content."

Being dropped improved ALAN KENNEDY

"After all, there are only two or three players at the most at Anfield, who are virtually guaranteed a first team spot.

"So when I was fit and selected for the reserves, there were no grumbles from me. Playing in the first team, with so many good players, is a privilege.

"But you must accept the fact that because Liverpool are a Championship side, the competition for places is bound to be extra keen — and I wouldn't have it any other way.

"The standards here are high. For example, I've found out that a display by me which would be highly rated at Newcastle is

"In the reserves, I've kept sharp against players such as David Mills, John Deehan and Brian Little.

"I believe it's invaluable if you can take part in two games a week throughout the season.

"The most interesting training routine can become a bit boring on occasions but your reflexes haven't time to grow rusty if you play twice weekly — you stay mentally and physically alert, ideal for a team like Liverpool, which is out to collect as many trophies as possible."

One trophy which Kennedy would most like to win is the F.A.



Everton youngster Joe McBride (left) has impressed Alan Kennedy this season.



North London derby action: Arsenal v Spurs



Ipswich's Terry Butcher tackles Man. United's Joe Jordan



St. Mirren's Alan Logan bumps into Aberdeen's Willie Miller.

F.A. Cup wins

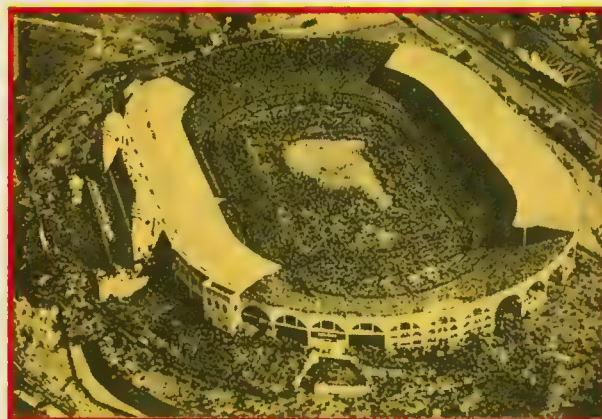
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Scottish Cup wins

Celtic 26, Rangers 23, Queen's Park 10, Hearts 5, Clyde 3, Vale of Leven 3, Aberdeen 2, Dunfermline 2, Falkirk 2, Hibernian 2, Kilmarnock 2, Renton 2, St Mir-

ren 2, Third Lanark 2, Airdrie 1, Dumbarton 1, Dundee 1, East Fife 1, Morton 1, Motherwell 1, Partick 1, St Bernard's 1.



An aerial view of the first Wembley Final in 1923.

F.A. Cup Finals

(Since the War)

1946 Derby v Charlton (aet).....4-1	1964 West Ham v Preston3-2
1947 Ch'ton v B'nley (aet).....1-0	1965 L'pool v Leeds (aet).....2-1
1948 Man Utd v Blackpool.....4-2	1966 Everton v Sheff Wed3-2
1949 Wolves v Leicester.....3-1	1967 Spurs v Chelsea.....2-1
1950 Arsenal v Liverpool2-0	1968 WBA v Everton (aet).....1-0
1951 Newcastle v Blackpool ..2-0	1969 Man City v Leicester.....1-0
1952 Newcastle v Arsenal1-0	1970 Chelsea v Leeds (aet).....2-1
1953 Blackpool v Bolton4-3	(after 2-2 draw at Wembley)
1954 West Brom v Preston3-2	1971 Arsenal v L'pool (aet).....2-1
1955 Newcastle v Man City3-1	1972 Leeds v Arsenal1-0
1956 Man C v Birmingham3-1	1973 Sunderland v Leeds1-0
1957 Aston Villa v Man Utd2-1	1974 Liverpool v Newcastle ...3-0
1958 Bolton v Man Utd2-0	1975 West Ham v Fulham2-0
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1960 Wolves v Blackburn3-0	1977 Man Utd v L'pool.....2-1
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1962 Spurs v Burnley3-1	1979 Arsenal v Man Utd3-2
1963 Man Utd v Leicester3-1	1980 West Ham v Arsenal.....1-0

Scottish Cup Finals

(Since the War)

1947 Aberdeen v Hibernian2-1	1964 Rangers v Dundee3-1
1948 Rangers v Morton (1-1) ..1-0	1965 Celtic v Dunfermline3-2
1949 Rangers v Clyde.....4-1	1966 Rangers v Celtic (0-0)1-0
1950 Rangers v East Fife.....3-0	1967 Celtic v Aberdeen2-0
1951 Celtic v Motherwell.....1-0	1968 Dunfermline v Hearts.....3-1
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1956 Hearts v Celtic3-1	1973 Rangers v Celtic.....3-2
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1958 Clyde v Hibernian1-0	1975 Celtic v Airdrie3-1
1959 St Mirren v Aberdeen3-1	1976 Rangers v Hearts.....3-1
1960 Rangers v Kilmarnock.....2-0	1977 Celtic v Rangers1-0
1961 Dunf'rmlne v Celtic (0-0) ..2-0	1978 Rangers v Aberdeen.....2-1
1962 Rangers v St Mirren2-0	1979 Rangers v Hibs (0-0, 0-0) 3-2
1963 Rangers v Celtic (1-1)3-0	1980 Celtic v Rangers.....1-0

(Scores in brackets first games)

F.A. Cup 6th Round Scottish Cup 5th Round

SEMI-FINALS

THE FINAL LINE-UP

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Match details

Referee

Linesmen

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		Full-time		
		Extra time (IF PLAYED)		

Replay (if played)

Scorers		Half-time		Scorers
		Full-time		



Villa's Gordon Cowans and Sunderland's Shaun Elliot challenge.

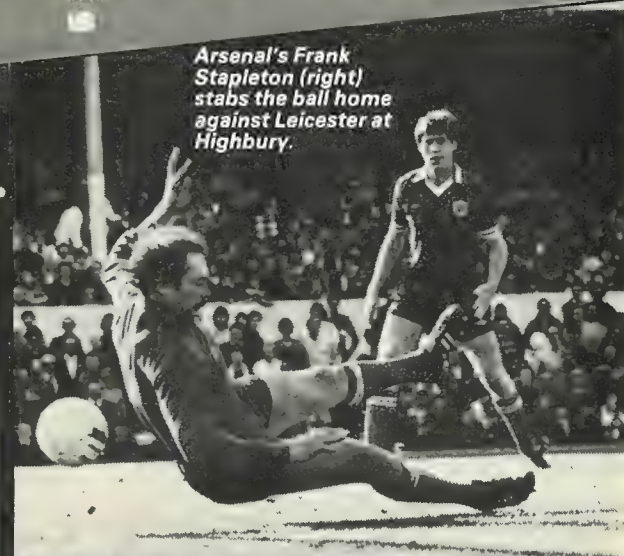
Football is all about goals, so here we take this opportunity to highlight some of the more memorable match winners which have helped to light up the season so far.

MATCH WINNERS

To the right WBA's Cyrille Regis leaps to head past Crystal Palace 'keeper Paul Barron, and to the right of that we can see Cyrille's jubilation at netting the only goal.

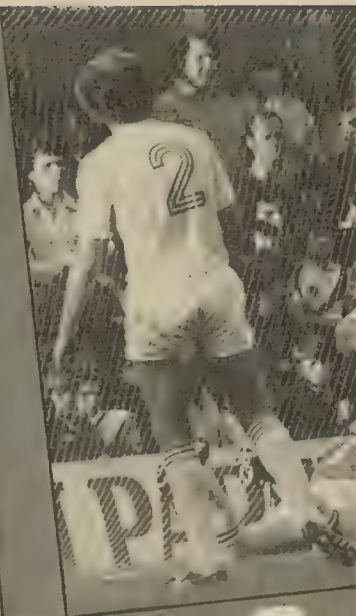


Arsenal's Frank Stapleton (right) stabs the ball home against Leicester at Highbury.



Chelsea striker Colin Lee, who has been netting regularly this season, heads home past Oldham 'keeper John Platt.





Former Leeds striker Alan Curtis (now Swansea) gets to his feet after scoring for the Elland Road club against Everton.



Derby's Dave Swindlehurst rises to head his club's winner at Grimsby.



West Ham's crucial League Cup winner against Spurs, netted by leading striker David Cross (out of picture).

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Monday, December 1

F.A. Cup

(First Round replays)

CARLISLE (2) 4 (Brown 2, Beardsley 2)	
WORKINGTON (0) 1 (Gill)	5,356
MAIDSTONE (0) 3 (Woon 2, Newson pen)	
KETTERING (0) 1 (Middleton)	3,098

Tuesday, December 2

Football League Cup

(Quarter-Finals)

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Daiglish, McDermott, Johnson)	
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Bertschin)	
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy A, Irwin, Kennedy R, Hansen, Daiglish, Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souless.	
Birmingham: Wealds, Langan, Hawker, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow (Givens), Bertschin, Lynex, Gemmill, Dillon.	

WATFORD (2) 2 (Poskett, Armstrong)	
COVENTRY (2) 2 (Thompson 2)	27,542
Watford: Steele, Rice, Sims, Jackett, Harrison, Blissett, Train, Rostron, Poskett, Armstrong, Jenkins.	
Coventry: Sealey, Thomas, Dyson, Gillespie, Roberts, Blair, Daly, Bodak, Thompson, Hateley, Hunt.	

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Cross)	
TOTTENHAM (0) 0	36,235
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.	
Tottenham: Daines, McAllister, Hughton, Yorath, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Villa, Hoddle, Crooks.	

Second Division

PRESTON (1) 2 (Elliott (pen), Baxter)	
GRIMSBY (2) 4 (Cumming, Ford, Broly 2)	5,289
Preston: Tunks, Westwell, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Blackley (Naughton), Bell, Taylor, Elliott, Bruce, McGee.	
Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Broly, Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming (Kilmore).	

Third Division

BURNLEY (0) 0	
BARNLEY (0) 1 (Banks)	9,094

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Football League Cup

(Quarter-Final)

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 2 (Reeves, Henry)	
WEST BROMWICH ALBION (1) 1 (Booth og)	35,011
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, Power, Reid, Booth, Henry, Tueart, Bennett, Mackenzie, Boyer, Reeves.	
WBA: Godden, Batson, Trewick, Moses, Wile, Bennett, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen, Barnes.	

Third Division

CHESTER (0) 1 (Sutcliffe)	
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Lowndes)	1,640

Friday, December 5

Fourth Division

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Beech, Chamberlain N)	
CREWE (0) 2 (Davies, Hunter)	4,154

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Kerr, Lumby)	
HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Houchen, Hamilton og)	1,366

Saturday, December 6

First Division

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Stapleton)	
WOLVES (0) 1 (Richards)	26,050
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, Walford, Young, Hollins (Vaessen), McDermott, Stapleton, Gatling, Rix.	
Wolves: Bradshaw, Humphrey, Hallfield, Daniel, Brazier, Hughes, Hibbitt, Atkinson, Bell, Richards, Eves.	

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Scott og)	
LEICESTER (2) 2 (Melrose 2)	18,479

Birmingham: Wealds, Langan, Hawker, Curbishley (Lynex), Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Bertschin, Worthington, Gemmill, Dillon.
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Gibson, Peake, Scott, O'Neill, Hamill, Melrose, Young (Welsh), Wilson, McDonald.

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Robinson, Ritchie)	
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Chisholm)	13,903
Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Stevens, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, McNab, Ritchie, Robinson, Smith (Cohen), O'Sullivan.	
Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Hindmarch, Allardice, Elliott, Arnott, Brown (Rowell), Cooke, Chisholm, Cummins.	



Brighton's Andy Ritchie.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Johnson, Kennedy R)	
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Archibald)	39,545
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy A, Irwin, Kennedy R, Hansen, Daiglish (Case), Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souless.	
Tottenham: Daines, McAllister, Hughton, Roberts, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Villa, Hoddle, Crooks.	

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Gow)	
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Muhren)	35,215
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Power, Booth, Hutchison, Gow, Mackenzie, Tueart (Boyer), Reeves.	
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil (O'Callaghan), Gates.	

NORWICH (0) 2 (Jovanovic og, Fashanu)	
MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 2 (Bond og, Coppell)	19,228
Norwich: Baker, Nightingale, Bond, Hoadley, Powell, Barham, McGuire (Muzinic), Paddon, Royle, Fashanu, Goble.	
Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Jovanovic, Buchan, Albiston, Coppell, Duxbury, Macari, McLroy, Jordan, Greenhoff.	

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 3 (Gray (pen), Welsh, Ward)	
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0	(20,223)
Nottingham Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Gunn, Mills, Bowyer (O'Neill), Ward, Wallace, Walsh.	
C. Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Sealey, Francis, Walsh, Allen, Hilaire.	

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Holmes)	
COVENTRY (0) 0	18,824
Southampton: Wells, Golac, McCartney, Agboola, Waldron, Nicholl, Wallace, Channon, Moran, Holmes, Baker.	
Coventry: Sealey, Thomas, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodak, Daly, Thompson, Hateley, Hunt.	

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Johnson, Shearer)	
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Shaw)	15,597
Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Johnston, Ashcroft, Nattrass, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Shearer, Armstrong.	
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Geddis, Cowans, Morley.	

STOKE (1) 2 (Chapman, O'Callaghan)	
EVERTON (1) 2 (McBride, Varadi)	15,650
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Ursem (Griffiths), Heath, Chapman, Bracewell, Munro.	
Everton: McDonagh, Wright, Bailey, Higgins, Stanley, O'Keefe, McMahon, Eastoe, Varadi, Hartford, McBride.	

WBA (1) 1 (Moses)	
LEEDS (1) 2 (Harris, Graham)	17,771
WBA: Godden, Batson, Cowdrell, Moses, Wile, Bennett, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen, Barnes.	
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Hird, Connor, Sabella, Graham.	

Second Division

BOLTON (2) 3 (Whatmore, Kidd 2)	
ORIENT (0) 1 (Taylor (P))	8,228
Bolton: Poole, Graham, McElhinny, Wilson, Jones, Welsh, Nicholson, Whatmore, Hoggan, Kidd, Gowing.	
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Parsons, Hughton, Moores, Jennings, Bowles, Taylor (P).	

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0	
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Edwards)	4,862
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies, Bate, McCaffery, Lee, Emmanuel, Williams (S), Williams (G), Mabbutt, Bates, Barrett.	
Wrexham: Davies, Jones, Kenworthy, Davis, Cegielski, Carrodus, Fox, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Cartwright.	

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Taylor)	
QPR (0) 0	6,349
Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Finney, O'Neill, Spriggs, Reilly, Taylor, Christie.	
QPR: Woods, Shanks, Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Currie, Roeder, King, Neal, Stainrod, Silkman.	

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Kitchen (pen))	
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Waters (pen))	6,063
Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Thomas, Hughes, Pontin, Dwyer, Giles (Lewis), Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.	
Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Broly, Whymark (Kilmore), Drinkell, Mitchell, Ford.	

CHELSEA 0	
SWANSEA 0	20,067
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Rofe, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Driver, Britton, Lee, Walker, Rhoades-Brown.	
Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadziabdic, Mahoney, Stevenson, Phillips, James (R), Waddle, James (L), Charles, Robinson.	

OLDHAM 0	
LUTON 0	4,720
Oldham: Platt, Sinclair, Blair, Keegan, Clements, Hurst, Heaton (Kowenicki), Fitcher, Steel, Palmer, Hilton.	
Luton: Findlay, Stephens (West), Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Aizlewood, Moss.	

PRESTON (0) 0	
DERBY (1) 3 (Hector, Swindlehurst, Biley)	6,118
Preston: Tunks, Westwell, Cameron (Sayer), Taylor, Baxter, Anderson, Bell, Doyle, Elliott, Bruce, McGee.	
Derby: Jones, Powell (S), Richards, Clark, McFarland, Ramage, Reid, Hector, Biley, Swindlehurst, Emson.	

SHREWSBURY (1) 4 (Biggins, Tong, Atkins, Edwards)	
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0	4,435
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Larkin, Turner (Edwards), Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Petts, Cross.	
Bristol City: Shaw, Sweeney, Hay, Aitken, Rodgers, Marshall, Tainton, Fitzpatrick, Mabbutt, Ritchie, Whitehead (Garland).	

WATFORD (2) 2 (Callaghan, Jenkins)	
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0	11,133
Watford: Steele, Rice, Harrison, Blissett, Terry, Jackett, Callaghan, Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Rostron.	
Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly (Hooks), Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Harkouk.	

WEST HAM (2) 2 (Brooking, Holland)	
SHEFFIELD WED (1) 1 (Mirocevic)	30,476
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.	
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirliff, Sterland, Mirocevic, Johnson, Leman, McCulloch, Curran.	

Postponed: Newcastle v Blackburn.

Third Division

BLACKPOOL 0	
EXETER 0	3,597

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Kruise)	
SWINDON (0) 1 (Peach)	5,730

CARLISLE (2) 4 (Brown, Beardsley 2, Staniforth)	
COLCHESTER (0) 0	3,196

CHESTER (0) 1 (Phillips)	
WALSALL (0) 0	2,215

CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Bonneyman, Birch 2)	
MILLWALL (0) 0	5,930

FULHAM (1) 2 (Davies 2)	
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Lillis, Stanton)	4,513

GILLINGHAM (0) 0	
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Hales)	8,775

HULL (2) 2 Edwards, Roberts)	
READING (0) 0	3,130

OXFORD (0) 0	
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Scott, Young)	3,305

NEWPORT 0	
BARNLEY 0	5,537

PLYMOUTH (1) 3 (Murphy 2 (1 pen), Kemp)	
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Fern)	6,155

SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 1 (Trusson)	
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0	12,158

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Robinson, Sanford)	
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Burton)	2,335

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Spackman)	
DONCASTER (1) 2 (Swan, Nimmo)	2,945

BRADFORD (0) 1 (Dolan)	
YORK (0) 1 (Watson og)	3,688

LINCOLN (2) 2 (Turner, Neale)	
BURY (1) 1 (Carr og)	3,545

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Allen)	
STOCKPORT (0) 0	2,873

PETERBOROUGH (0) 3 (Cooke, Robson 2)	
HEREFORD (0) 0	3,281

ROCHDALE (0) 0	
SOUTHEND (0) 2 (Mercer, Spence)	2,214

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Bowker, Fell (pen), Cooper)	
NORTHAMPTON (0) 3 (Bowen 2, Williams)	2,065

WIGAN (0) 1 (McMullan pen)	
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Partridge pen)	3,672

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Joseph)	
DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Hawker)	1,811

Bell's Scottish League Cup Final

DUNDEE (0) 0	
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 3 (Dodds, Sturrock 2) (at Dens Park)	24,456
Dundee: Geddes, Barr, Schaeffer, Fraser, Glennie, McGeechie (Scrimgeour), Mackie, Stephen, Sinclair, Williamson (Shirra), Geddes.	
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Phillip, Hagarty, Narey, Bannon, Payne, Pettigrew, Sturrock, Dodds.	

Scottish Premier

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Clark pen)	
ST. MIRREN (2) 2 (Stark, McCormack)	5,000
Airdrie: Martin, Erwin, Rodger, Anderson G, Anderson N, McKeown, Maguire, Walker, Clark, Gordon, McCluskey.	
St. Mirren: Thomson, Beckett, Abercrombie, Richardson, Copland, Stark, McCormack, Bone, Somner, McDougall, Weir.	

HEARTS (0) 2 (MacDonald, O'Brien)	
KILMARNOCK (0) 0	5,183
Hearts: Brough, More, Shields, Denny, McVie, Masteron (Hamill), MacDonald, Robinson, Gibson, Conn, O'Brien.	
Kilmarnock: Wilson, McLean, Cockburn, Clarke, McDicken, Clark (Black), Mauchlen, Maxwell, Bourke, McBride, Cairney (Houston).	

MORTON (0) 1 (Rooney)	
ABERDEEN (0) 0	5,000
Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, McLaughlin, Orr, Rooney, Busby, McNeil (Ritchie), Thomson, Cochrane, Tolmie.	
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Considine, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Hewitt (McCall), Jarvis (Angus), McGhee, Scanlon.	

PARTICK (0) 0	
CELTIC (0) 1 (McCluskey)	12,436
Partick: Rough, Doyle, Whittaker, Anderson, Campbell, Watson, Lapsley, Park, Clark, Jardine, O'Hara.	
Celtic: Bonnar, Sneddon, Reid, Aitken, McAdam, MacDonald, Sullivan (Provan), Weir, McGarvey, Burns.	

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BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, January 10th

Ipswich v Nottm Forest

FOREST have generally been Ipswich's bogey team, but the East Anglian side are hoping they have killed that myth with their 2-1 away victory last November. If Ipswich win this Saturday it will be the first time they have completed a League double over Forest in the 14 seasons these two sides have met each other.

However, Ipswich will certainly have to improve on past form against Forest to register this double, for apart from having only won two of their 13 League meetings at Portman Road, Ipswich have only scored twice against Forest in the last six of those home games.

Villa v Liverpool

LIVERPOOL have won two, drawn two and lost only one of their last five games at Villa Park, and with both sides going so well anything could happen. Villa will be hoping for a repeat of their shock 5-1 slamming of Liverpool in 1976-77 — one of the Reds' Championship-winning campaigns. On that occasion Andy Gray and John Deehan got two goals apiece, while Brian Little got the other.

This fixture has provided a lot of heavy scoring, for the Villa have scored five goals in seven Liverpool visits and six on another occasion.

This will be these two clubs' 57th League game in Birmingham — Villa have won 29, Liverpool 17, and ten have been drawn. One of their most exciting encounters was in 1959-60 when they shared eight goals.

Everton v Arsenal

THIS will be the 60th League meeting of these two clubs at Goodison Park. Everton have won 29, Arsenal 14 and 16 have been drawn.

Arsenal's 1-0 win at Everton last season was their first victory on this ground since winning there 6-1 in 1958-59! In that remarkable game, David Herd netted four goals.

Arsenal completed the League double over Everton that season for only the second time since the War. Having beaten Everton 2-1 at Highbury earlier this season, an overdue third post-War double is on the cards for The Gunners.

In recent years this particular game has been generally low scoring and it is now 15 years since either side scored more than two goals when meeting at Goodison Park.

Leicester v West Brom

THIS isn't a game for the Treble Chance punters, for none of their last 11 games at Filbert Street has resulted in a draw. The last time these two clubs shared League points on this ground was in 1960-61 when the result was 2-2. Since then Leicester City have won six and Albion five.

Albion will, of course, be hoping for another result like their last League visit in 1976-77 when they got five goals without reply (Mick Martin 2, David Cross, Laurie Cunningham and Tony Brown).

City's biggest win over the Albion at Filbert Street was 6-2 in 1932-33. They also beat the Albion 6-3 in 1954-55 when Arthur Rowley got a hat-trick.

Friday, December 12

Fourth Division

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Martinez, Wellings pen) 1,901
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Mountford)

Southend (1) 3 (Pountney, Gray, Campbell og)
BRADFORD (1) 1 (Campbell) 4,761

Saturday, December 13

First Division

ASTON VILLA (0) 3 (Geddis 2, Shaw)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 41,101
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Geddis, Cowans, Morley
Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Hawker, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Worthington, Bertschin, Gemmill, Dillon.

COVENTRY (1) 3 (Blair, Daly (pen), Hunt)
WBA (0) 0 16,027
Coventry: Sealey, Thomas, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodak, Daly, Thompson, Hateley, Hunt.
WBA: Godden, Batson, Cowdrill, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen, Barnes (Deehan).

CRYSTAL PALACE (3) 4 (Allen 2, Murphy, Francis)
NORWICH (1) 1 (Royle) 15,257
C Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Boyle, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy (Walsh), Francis, Allen, Sealy, Hilaire.
Norwich: Baker, Bond, Downs, Muzinic, Powell, Nightingale, Barham, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Goble.

EVERTON (2) 4 (Eastoe 2, McMahon, Varadi)
BRIGHTON (2) 3 (O'Sullivan, Ritchie, Robinson) 19,141
Everton: McDonagh, Wright, Bailey, Stanley, Higgins, O'Keefe (Lyons), McMahon, Eastoe, Varadi, Hatfield, McBride.
Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Stevens, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, McNab, Ritchie, Robinson, Smith, O'Sullivan.

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Brazil) 32,274
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Case)
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy A, Irwin, Kennedy R, Hansen, Rush, Lee, Johnson (Case), McDermott, Souness.

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 2 (Macari, Jordan)
STOKE (2) 2 (Randall, Chapman) 39,568
Man Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Moran, Coppell, Duxbury, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Randall, Heath, Chapman, Bracewell, Munro.

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Hawley, Arnott)
ARSENAL (0) 0 21,595
Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Hindmarch, Allardice, Elliott, Arnott, Brown (Cooke), Hawley, Chisholm, Cummins.
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, Walford, Young, Price, McDermott, Stapleton, Gitting (Veessen), Davis.

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Archibald, Hoddle)
MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Boyer)
Tottenham: Daines, McAllister, Hughton, Roberts, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles (Yorath), Archibald, Vile, Hoddle, Crooks.
Man City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Power, Booth, Boyer, Gow, Mackenzie (Bennett), Hutchison, Reeves.

WOLVES (0) 1 (Bell)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Moran) 18,137
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Hollifield, Daniel, Brazier, Hughes, Hibbitt, Atkinson, Bell, Richards, Eves.
Southampton: Wells, Golac, McCartney, Agboola, Watson, Nicholl, Hebbard, Channon, Moran, Holmes, Barker.

Second Division

BLACKBURN 0
WEST HAM 0 13,279
Blackburn: Butcher, Speight, Branagan, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Stonehouse, Loway, McKenzie, Parkes.
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

BRISTOL CITY (1) 3 (Mabbutt 2, Aitken)
BOLTON (1) 1 (Gowling pen) 7,384
Bristol City: Shaw, Sweeney, Hay, Aitken, Rodgers, Marshall, Tainton, Fitzpatrick, Mabbutt, Ritchie, Whitehead (Garland).
Bolton: Poole, Graham, McElhinney, Wilson, Jones, Brennan, Nicholson (Thomas), Whatmore, Hoggan, Kidd, Gowling.

DERBY (1) 1 (Hector)
WATFORD (0) 1 (Blissett) 16,464
Derby: Jones, Powell S, Richards, Clark, McFarland (Wilson), Ramage, Reid, Hector, Biley, Swindlehurst, Henson.
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Harrison, Taylor, Terry, Jactett, Callaghan (Ward), Blissett, Armstrong, Train, Poskett.

GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Whymark, Ford)
CHELSEA (0) 0 14,708
Grimsby: Batch, Moore D, Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore K, Brolly, Whymark (Kilmora), Drinkell, Mitchell, Ford.
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Rofe, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Lee, Walker, Rhoades-Brown (Driver).

LUTON (1) 4 (Moss 2 (pen), Fuccillo, Ingram)
PRESTON (0) 2 (Elliott, Bruce) 7,874
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Fuccillo, Saxby (Antic), Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Aizlewood, Moss.
Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Westwell, Burns, Baxter, Anderson, Bell, Doyle, Elliott, Bruce, McGee (Sayer).

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
OLDHAM (0) 2 (Palmer, McDonough) 6,565
Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Doherty, Kilcline, Richards, Manns, Masson, Harkouk, Hunt, Wood.
Oldham: Platt, Sinclair, Blair, Keegan, Clemehts, Hurst, Wyldie, Fletcher, Steel, Palmer, McDonough.

ORIENT (0) 1 (Taylor P)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 4,801
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor T, Gray, Parsons, Chiedoie, Moores, Mayo, Bowles, Taylor P.
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Larkin, Turner (Edwards), Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Cross.

SHEFF. WEDNESDAY (1) 4 (Smith, Curran, McCulloch 2)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Jones pen.) 14,008
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirliff, Sterland, Mirocevic, Johnson, Leman (Pearson), McCulloch, Curran.
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Jones, Bater, McCaffrey, Lee, Cooper, Williams S, Williams G, Mabbutt, Williams D, Barrett.

SWANSEA (3) 4 (James L, James R 2, Charles)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 11,672
Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadziabdic, Rushbury, Stevenson, Phillips, Mahoney, James R, James L, Charles, Robinson.
Newcastle: Carr, Carney, Johnson, Martin, Boam, Mitchell, Shinton, Wharton, Cartwright, Shoulder, Koeman (Nicholson).

Scottish First

BERWICK (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Evans) 550

DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Clougherty, Gallagher)
STIRLING (0) 0 400

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
HAMILTON (0) 1 (Wright) 1,650

FAKIRK (0) 0
HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (MacLeod, Rae) 3,400

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Cleland)
EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Lamont) 2,000

ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (McCoist)
AYR (0) 0 1,792

Scottish Second

ALBION (0) 1 (Campbell)
STRANRAER (1) 3 (Gibb, Brown, Hay pen) 700

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Graham)
ALLOA (0) 1 (McNab) 890

CLYDE (0) 2 (Ahern pen, Kean)
COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Liddle 2) 810

EAST FIFE (0) 2 (Burt 2)
ARBROATH (0) 1 (McKenzie) 720

FORFAR (2) 2 (Clark, Johnson)
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Williams) 640

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (McCallan)
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (McCoy) 560

QoS 1 (Robertson)
MONTROSE (2) 5 (Wright, Murray 3, Clark og) 650

Tuesday, December 9

Football League Cup

(Quarter-Final replay)

COVENTRY (3) 5 (Bodak, Hateley 2, Thompson, Hunt)
WATFORD (0) 0 30,348
Coventry: Sealey, Thomas, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodak, Daly, Thompson, Hateley, Hunt.
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Harrison, Blissett, Terry, Jactett, Callaghan, Armstrong, Jenkins (Henderson), Train, Poskett.



ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP

(Semi-Final, second leg)

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Stirk)
BURY (0) 1 (Johnson)
Chesterfield won 3-2 on aggregate

Wed, December 10

UEFA Cup

(Third Round, second leg)

WIDZEW LODZ (0) 1 (Pieta)
IPSWICH (0) 0 8,000
Widzew Lodz: Klepczynski, Plich, Grabosz, Mozejko, Romke, Tlokinski, Pieta (Lisak), Surit, Jezewski, Rozbrocki, Smolarek.
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren (Beattie), Mariner (O'Callaghan), Brazil, Gates.

Steve Hunt scores Coventry's fourth in the 5-0 defeat of Watford in the League Cup.

LEEDS (0) 1 (Greenhoff)
NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 21,882
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Hird, Connor (Parlane), Sabella, Graham.
Nottm Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Gunn, Mills (Ponte), O'Neill, Ward, Wallace, Walsh.

LEICESTER (1) 1 (McDonald pen)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 13,998
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Gibson, Peake, Scott, O'Neill, Hamill (Goodwin), Melrose, Lineker, Wilson, McDonald.
Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Johnston, Ashcroft, Nattrass, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Shearer.

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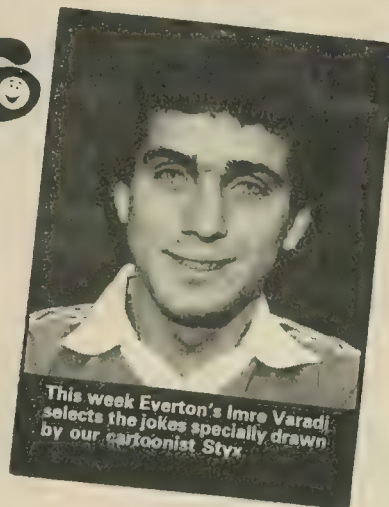
"When I told you to wander around a bit, I meant on the field."



"It's happened at last. One of the players kissed him."



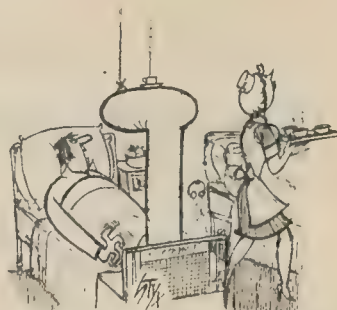
"I threw my whistle at a linesman in a fit of temper."



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"Can you imagine Ron Greenwood running on and kicking one of his players because they missed an open goal?"



"Can't we argue about the merits of Manchester United and Liverpool without you getting difficult."



"I wish you wouldn't keep on about their work rate. It sends them all to sleep."

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Personal Callers Welcome

MALCOLM Allison's arrival at Crystal Palace ended my fears for the immediate future.

Being dropped by Ernie Walley had unsettled me and I wondered in which direction I was going. I wasn't too pleased about the situation, as SHOOT readers know.

But I'm back playing again and scoring goals. So obviously I'm delighted Big Mal's reigning at the Palace.

All I want to do now is settle down, play consistently well and help the club to pull clear of the relegation zone.

Provided my new boss gives me an extended run in the first team, that is. He hasn't spoken to me about his plans.

On his first morning in charge Malcolm called all the playing staff together and explained what he is going to do.

"I've been given the manager's job," he told us, "and I aim to do it to the best of my ability."

"Some of the players I know from my first spell at the club. The others by reputation."

He went on to say there would be changes and that Palace had one

Nottingham Forest (dark shirts) beat Palace 3-0 at the City Ground in Malcolm Allison's first game back in charge.



'Why Palace are in trouble'

heck of a fight on their hands. Not that we needed reminding of that.

Malcolm diagnosed our main problem, the reason we plunged to the bottom of the First Division.

"You lack confidence in your own abilities," he said, puffing on one of those gigantic cigars of his. "You are afraid to receive the ball. Players are afraid to play. But we'll put that right."

I realise Big Mal has thousands of critics, but no one could ever accuse him of lacking confidence or courage.

I like his flamboyant character and his views on how the game should be played.

Big Mal has what he calls a "total football philosophy". He believes every member of the team should be able to play in any role if called



realises the switch has given him a new lease of life.

In fact, he's so effective in the position, he could well come Britain's "Franz Beckenbauer".

No English club, apart from Palace, operate with a sweeper for any length of time. That could all change now as other managers see the new Gerry Francis in action.

Ron Greenwood may be forced to use a sweeper to combat the continentals. If so then expect an international recall for Palace's former England skipper.

The atmosphere at Selhurst Park has certainly livened up since Malcolm's arrival. There is now a sparkle and air of expectancy about the place.

Everyone is buzzing and looks

forward to going in, even for training. Some of Palace's lost pride has been restored.

Mind you, Big Mal wasn't too pleased with our performance against Forest in his first match in charge.

As you know we lost 3-0. It wasn't the result that annoyed him but the way we lost.

Heads dropped after a harsh penalty decision and we let in two silly goals. Palace gave Forest the points. Our attitude was all wrong.

The boss couldn't fault our display against Norwich a week later, though. Palace won 4-1 and I scored twice. Jerry Murphy and Gerry, our then reluctant sweeper, got the others.

Gerry's goal was sheer class. He started the move, then made a forward run to receive a return pass. Vince Hilaire picked up the ball in midfield and found Gerry who hammered it past keeper Clive Baker.

One good result doesn't mean Palace can breathe any easier, of course. There is still a long, long way to go before we are out of danger. But at least the signs are now more encouraging.

Palace have a tough match this Saturday (January 10th) against a vastly improved Stoke City side at Selhurst Park.

Every game is vital for us now. We just can't afford to lose points.

Just enough space left to wish Mike Flanagan, Terry Fenwick and John Burridge every success at Q.P.R.

They know Terry Venables well enough and will strengthen the team he is building for a return to the First Division.

Clive scores the first of his two goals against Norwich from close range in a 4-1 home victory.



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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

By Bill Day

BOOMING BOLTON

THE best news Stan Anderson had received for weeks was delivered in a few, short crisp words by a newspaper in Christmas week.

It said that Ian Greaves, his predecessor at Bolton, had found a job as manager of Oxford United after weeks of worrying whether he would ever work again.

"That meant more to me than anything that has happened this season," admitted Anderson, who served as Greaves' assistant at Burnden Park until the sacking.

It brought a smile to Anderson's face in an otherwise inauspicious few months trying to establish his club as a Second Division force after relegation at the end of last season.

"We are our own worst enemies, winning one week losing the next," Anderson said bluntly.

Two defeats after Bolton's 6-1 victory over Cambridge — Brian Kidd scored a hat-trick — still rankles.

"It's a lack of concentration, especially amongst some of the younger players. I suppose it's to be expected when 13 of our squad of 27 players are under the age of 20.

"We have won only one game away, yet have led in six or seven games before going down."

Anderson is reluctant to search for excuses, but is clearly irked by Bolton's growing injury list.

Differences

No sooner had he persuaded star midfielder expert Peter Reid to settle his differences and play on a week to week contract than the former England Under 21 regular had a knee encased in plaster after a cartilage operation.

Mike Walsh, Bolton's captain, and other regular first teamers were hobbling into the ground at the same time and a host of players have missed important games through injury.

Anderson observes realistically: "Of all the sides striving for promotion, only West Ham have a squad strong enough to survive the loss of three or four key players and maintain a challenge."

If injuries have conspired to blunt Bolton's progress, a grim determination exists among the players to make it back to the First Division.

Brian Kidd, who scored a goal for Manchester United in their European Cup Final victory 12 years



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Neil Whatmore and Brian Kidd (below). David Burke (left). Manager Stan Anderson (above, left)



ago and thereafter played for Arsenal, Manchester City, and Everton before signing for Bolton eight months ago, Neil Whatmore, former England Under-23 defender, Paul Jones, Alan Gowling and Peter Reid all have First Division aspirations even though Bolton's meagre gates this season suggest public disenchantment with their performances in the north.

"Kidd, in particular, can be a great help to our youngsters," says Anderson. "Youngsters often respond more earnestly to a senior professional than they do a track suited coach.

'Reformed'

"Brian was a thorn in the side of many referees but he's reformed and is doing a good job, and he scores goals.

"Attendances disappoint me. We try to play attacking football at home and away. We go for a win, and if that fails, try to hang on for a point.

"Television is largely to blame for poor gates. I'd ban the cameras for three or four months at the start of every season to try to persuade fans to come through the turnstiles again.

"We need gates of 18,000-20,000 to break even. We're lucky if we get 8,000."

But Bolton's off the field activities are booming. They have signed a £15,000 contract which sponsors their first team shirts and have introduced cut-price tickets for groups of children.

The junior whites club has bounced back to life with more than 300 attending a get-together just before Christmas.

Organiser Roy Cavanagh is to introduce as mascot scheme for home games.

Bolton officials were represented at an exhibition at Villa Park when a new covering to protect pitches was demonstrated.

After the postponement of the Notts County game because of a waterlogged pitch, Bolton are anxious to improve Burnden Park's protection against bad weather conditions.

Meanwhile, the club looks forward to a brighter New Year and the hope that they can find the consistency that took them to four F.A. Cup victories and an uninterrupted spell in the First Division of 53 years from 1911-64.

It may not be this season, but it could be soon.

BOLTON WANDERERS



BACK ROW (left to right): Mike Graham, David Hoggett, Terry Poole, Chris Thompson, Mike Bennett, Peter Ford, Brian Kidd

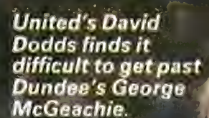
MIDDLE ROW: Tadeusz Nowak, Dave Clement (now Fulham), Mike Walsh, Dennis Peacock, Len Cantello, Peter Nicholson

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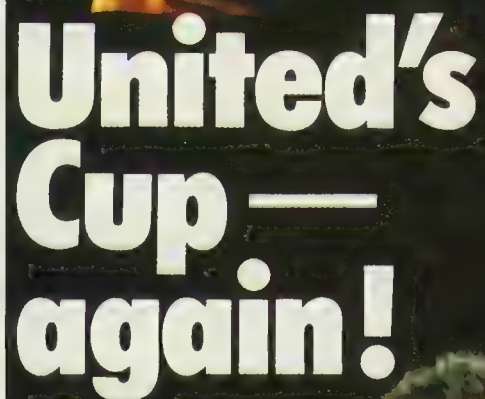
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Dundee striker Ray Stephen is stopped by United's Hamish McAlpine.

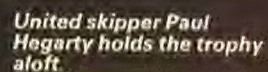


United's David Dodds finds it difficult to get past Dundee's George McGeachie.



United's Cup — again!

Dundee United retained the Scottish League Cup when they beat rivals Dundee 3-0.



United skipper Paul Hegarty holds the trophy aloft.



THAT player has driven me to hell, but I always knew he would be a success. I knew he had it in him to make the grade."

The words belong to Dundee United manager Jim McLean, spoken as usual with forthright honesty and blunt frankness.

The player on the receiving end was his midfield mastermind Graeme Payne.

The occasion was the aftermath of United's whirlwind 3-0 triumph over city rivals Dundee in this season's League Cup Final at Dens Park. McLean's Marauders obliterated Dundee and there was no doubt which player had done the most to put a smile on the face of the Tannadice boss who is known as a perfectionist.

"Last season we won the League Cup by beating Aberdeen on the same ground by the same score," said McLean. "I wanted to win then for the club, the players and the fans."

"This time out I wanted to win for my wife, my kids and Graeme Payne."

"He plays soccer the way it should be played, but I left him out last season against The Dons."

Graeme Payne, the inspiration behind Dundee United's League Cup triumph.

"I wanted him to achieve success and, happily, he got his honour against Dundee. He can now take it from there."

Payne accepts the praise of his boss and says: "I'll never forget that victory. That medal will always be so special to me and I'm just glad I was able to play my part."

The diminutive Tannadice midfielder, a real box of tricks when he is on form, adds: "It was a real team performance and everyone deserves great praise."

'Marvellous'

"I thought Paul Sturrock, who scored two goals and made the first for Davie Dodds, was outstanding. He had a marvellous game that day. The conditions were hardly ideal but he just glided through the game."

United celebrated their second successive League Cup victory with the customary champagne, but they know the hard work still lies ahead.

McLean has never hidden that his main ambition is to take the Premier Division Championship to Tannadice. That would really prove that the club has arrived in a big way.

Celtic manager Billy McNeill is swift to support United when he

says: "You can never rule out that possibility after the way they played against us in the League Cup Semi-Final second leg at Parkhead this season."

"We were drawing 1-1 from the first-leg at Tannadice, but they beat us 3-0 on our own pitch and we could have no complaints."

"They were brilliant that night, capable of beating any side. When a team can turn on a performance like that they can never be counted out of anything. I was greatly impressed by them that evening."

"Obviously I hope the Championship goes to Parkhead, but people who talk about it being a three-team race between ourselves, Aberdeen and Rangers are making a mistake forgetting about United."

United, then, are gaining respect wherever they go, and McLean is determined to guide them to a Championship success.

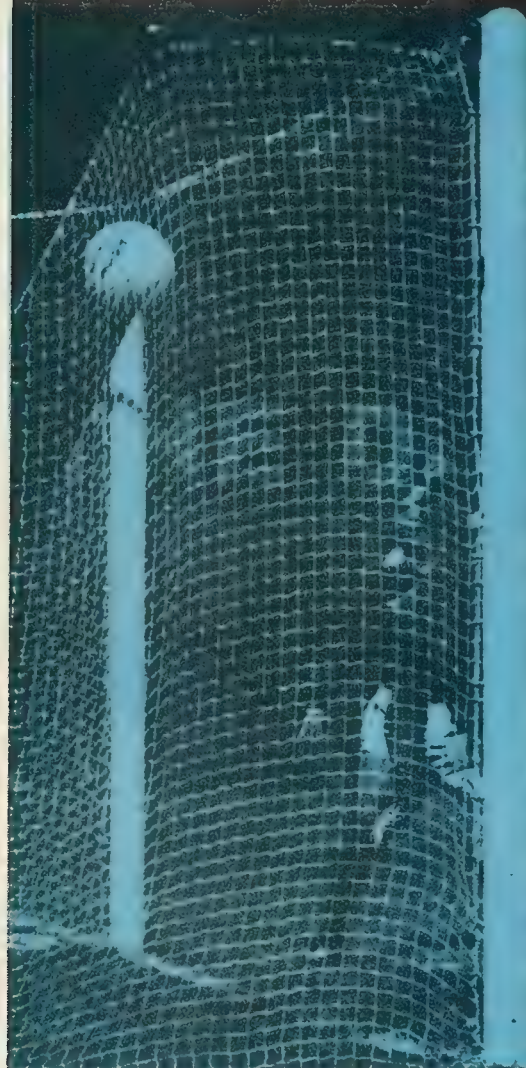
"Aberdeen proved it could be done last season," says Payne. "They broke the Old Firm monopoly on the Championship for the first time since 1965."

"The Dons made the breakthrough. Now we aim to follow them."

It could be that an awful lot of silverware is awaiting McLean, Payne and Dundee United in the near future!

'NOW FOR THE TITLE'

says Tannadice boss Jim McLean



Paul Sturrock heads United's second goal in the 3-0 defeat of Dundee in the Final at Dens Park.

CRUYFF BACK TO AJAX- AS MANAGER

WHILE Johan Cruyff's future in the United States is uncertain, the word is that he will have a full-time job with Ajax during 1981/82.

At the moment the Dutch star has a temporary post assisting manager Leo Beenhaaker, although who is assisting whom has been questioned.

For instance, when Ajax were playing FC Twente they were 3-1 down; Cruyff left his seat in the stand for the dug out and with his 'assistance' the Amsterdammers stormed back to win 5-3.

Cruyff says he is happy to help the club that made him famous in any way he can, although the Ajax of 1980 are a far cry from that of the glory years of the 70's.

Beenhaaker says that he and Cruyff are two men with one aim, and doesn't feel threatened by the player's presence.

Even so, there are loud whispers that next year Ajax will make Cruyff their general manager, doing the kind of job Gunter Netzer does at Hamburger SV, a sort of business manager.

Meanwhile, Cruyff's American club, the Washington Diplomats,

are almost certain to go into liquidation; if this happens and no one buys the club Cruyff will become the property of the Cosmos, under a complicated agreement.



Cruyff has maintained all along that he doesn't fancy the New York club, though.

Wim Jansen has left the Diplomats to return to Holland with... Ajax. The 1974 and 1978 World Cup star spent many years with Feyenoord before he moved to the States, and was even known as Mr Feyenoord.

Joining Ajax didn't go down too well in Rotterdam and there were even threats to his life!

Ironically, Wim's debut for Ajax was against Feyenoord, but it was a far from happy return to Dutch football for the 34-year-old. A snowball thrown (almost certainly) by a Feyenoord follower during the warm-up hit Jansen in the left eye and he had to leave the field for treatment.

He returned and started the game. After 20 minutes he could see nothing out of the eye and was taken to hospital. Thankfully there was no real damage. For the record Feyenoord won 4-2.

GERMANS HOAXED?

ONE of West Germany's absentees in their 3-1 away win over Bulgaria in Sofia was Barcelona star Bernd Schuster.

The blond midfielder played in the Spanish club's 2-1 win over Real Madrid on the Sunday, but then failed to travel to Bulgaria, alleging 'a stomach upset'.

The West German authorities were not amused, and they asked the Consulate in Barcelona to arrange an independent medical examination of the player.

A Dr. Gonzalez Adrio was contacted, and he confirmed the player's condition. Maybe the Germans hadn't realised that Gonzalez Adrio is the Barcelona club doctor!

As a result of this episode, the West German F.A. is threatening to take legal action against Barcelona if they don't fulfil their obligation to release Schuster for international matches.

A PICTURESQUE (and barely credible) story from Colombia, where a referee, Guillermo Aristizabal, has been accused of accepting bribes in a bid to fix the result of an America de Cali — Cucuta match.

According to allegations made, one of the players dropped a wad of banknotes on to the turf during the game and the referee surreptitiously picked them up and stuffed them in his pocket.

One would imagine there are more discreet methods of paying a bribe than in the middle of a football pitch with thousands of witnesses in the stands!

SELL-OUT PROBLEMS

THE Belgium/Holland World Cup-tie in Brussels' Heysel Stadium was the first sell-out international in that country for 14 years. There were a lot of problems, as many Dutch fans forced their way in without tickets, which meant fans with tickets couldn't enter the stadium as the gates were closed. The Belgian F.A. has said these tickets can be used for future World Cup games.

The game itself was one of the worst matches ever seen at this level, with hardly any football but plenty of the wrong type of action. Belgium won 1-0 with a penalty, which means Group Two is now virtually a straight battle between France, Belgium and the Republic of Ireland, with the Dutch almost certainly out.



ONE hundred and fifty two players in the French First Division were injured during the first four months of the League programme. And 34 of them have needed operations to put things right.

News flashes

● ONE of the 108,000 at the Mexico-Canada (1-1) World Cup qualifying game was Leo Yashin, now manager of Moscow Dynamo, arranging a winter tour. According to the Mexicans, he thinks Brazil in the 1958 World Cup were the best team of all time.

● JUVENTUS have not been playing well this season, and at home to Champions Inter-Milan there were only 50,000 spectators. But one of them was Italian manager Enzo Bearzot and with Liam Brady scoring both goals Juventus won 2-0. Bearzot told the Press "This was the best game I have seen this season."

● JUST before the East German winter break, Champions Dynamo Berlin got back in first place,

toppling leaders FC Magdeburg, who went down 3-1 away to Dynamo Dresden before a capacity 36,000 crowd. Dynamo Berlin centre-forward Bernd Schutze also crept above Joachim Streich in the scorers list, leading ten to nine over the Magdeburg star.

● IN Russia the crowds are not at all good in Moscow, where there were six First Division clubs in the 1980 season. Moscow Dynamo just avoided the drop, but down go neighbours Lokomotive. The two promoted clubs are Dniepr and the little club unknown outside the USSR, Tavria, who play on the Black Sea at Simferol.

● FRENCH clubs this season are littered with inexpensive imports from Yugoslavia, Poland and African countries, but the key imported players are South American. There are

14 of them there this season, most of them from Argentina.

● WILFRIED Van Moer, 35, and inspiration of Belgium in the European Championship Final, has scored only one League goal for SK Beveren this season. Van Moer lives in Hasselt and drives 80 miles every day for training.

● FAVOURITES to win promotion from the Italian Second Division, AC Milan have approached Brazilian star Zico for next season. They are prepared to pay £1½ million for him, but short of ready cash, want the fee spread over two years in three instalments.

● SECURITY is becoming a big problem in West Germany and to guard against hooliganism at the West Germany-France match at Hanover there were 727 policemen on duty with 27 dogs.



NO GOALS FOR THE FRENCH

WEST Germany's manager Jupp Derwall (left) had some interesting things to say about the French national team after his side had thrashed them 4-1 in a friendly.

"The French produce some excellent moves," he said, "but they play as if there were no goalposts on the pitch."

And of French Number One Michel Platini, he remarked, "He's like a general who gives the order to attack and then sits back to watch the results with a pair of binoculars."

● French radio reporters decided to impose a boycott on Michel Platini after the national team idol told them he was "only available for comments between 4.30 and 5.15."

RIVER PLATE'S World Cup left-winger Oscar Ortiz has walked out on the Argentine club, and demanded to be placed on the transfer list. Since he recovered from his mystery brain disease (remember it hit him during the plane trip back to Buenos Aires after Argentina's tour match in Glasgow?) he hasn't been able to regain a regular first team place — and of course he's dropped out of Menotti's plans for the national team.

COBRELOA clinched the Chilean Championship on the very last fixture with a convincing 3-0 win over Lota Schwager, while their main rivals, Universidad de Chile, were sensationally beaten 0-1 at home by lowly Audax Italiano. For the record, here are the top five placings: 1. Cobreloa 48pts. 2. Universidad de Chile 45pts. 3. Colo Colo 43pts. 4. Concepcion 41 pts. 5. O'Higgins 40pts.

BRAZILIAN WHO WON'T BE DROPPED



CARLOS Alberto (left), World Champion for Brazil in 1970 and now playing for the Cosmos, is back in Rio de Janeiro for his annual holidays. He has been watching games in Brazil, but is not impressed with what he has been seeing.

"The present generation of Brazilian footballers lack the determination to play hard and to win games. We had that determination in 1970 and the Europeans have it now, especially the Germans. I am afraid Brazil won't go too far in the next World Cup if they don't change their style of playing straight away," he said.

As for himself, Carlos Alberto says that all is well again "because manager Hennes Weisweiler promised the Cosmos directors never to drop me again from the team, as he did in the final game of the North American League. I had said I wouldn't play for Cosmos again under Weisweiler, but he gave the directors his word that he won't interfere with me any more."

Moore goals at Millmoor

I SAW Ronnie Moore score. That used to be the derisory message on badges selling briskly to fans.

But since Ronnie's £100,000 transfer from Cardiff to Rotherham, the big striker has rediscovered his goal touch.

"I have one special target, to be back in the Second Division with Rotherham and prove that I'm good enough to score at that level," says Ronnie.

There is confidence among the lads at Millmoor that we can challenge all the way to the finish. At home, we seem just about invincible."

Judgment

It took a measure of courage by Rotherham manager Ian Porterfield to spend a six figure fee on Moore, who had managed just six goals in 56 first team appearances for Cardiff. It was first class judgment because Moore has been smashing the ball home from the moment he arrived.

It is curious how fortunes change. At Cardiff, every time I failed to score the pressure and the publicity mounted; it reached the stage where I started to believe that I would never score again.

At Rotherham, it is just the other way around: every time I play, I believe that I am going to

finish on the scoresheet.

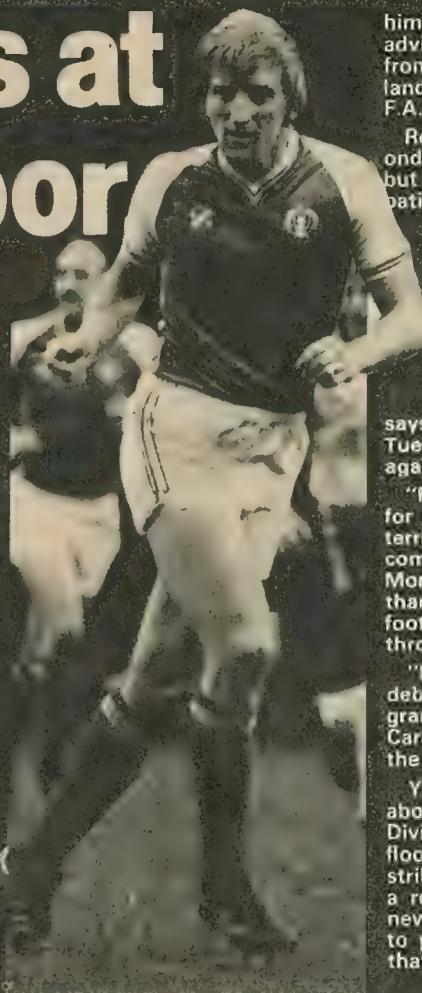
"When the boss signed me, he said, 'I'm looking for 20 goals from you this season.' Well, after 15 by the halfway mark, I think he is now entitled to expect something of a bonus!"

What has been the difference? "That's easy — a winger. When I was scoring consistently at Tranmere, I was always on the end of a service from one and often two wingers. At the same time as he signed me from Cardiff, Ian Porterfield signed Tony Towner from Millwall and we hit it off from the start.

"Tony has a lot of skill on the right and this is what I had lacked at Cardiff. When he was forced out of the side through injury, I had my confidence back with half a dozen goals; then one of our youngsters, Peter Carr, came in and kept the crosses coming.

"The manager has to take a lot of the credit. Every day after training, he has me back for extra work. A lot of professionals might find that surprising for a top scorer, but Ian has been concentrating on giving my finishing an extra edge.

He has the youngsters playing the ball into me and is on the pitch



himself all the time to coach and advise. I'm not ashamed to learn from the man who scored Sunderland's winning goal in the 1973 F.A. Cup Final!"

Rotherham have not tasted Second Division football since 1968, but the side that Porterfield has patiently constructed has been in the leading group ever since the season started.

One ironic twist to the Ronnie Moore transformation is that he still trains with Cardiff on Mondays and Tuesdays. "I haven't been able to sell my house, so I commute between Wales and Yorkshire," he says. "I leave Ninian Park after Tuesday training and return home again after Saturday's match.

"Maybe things did not go well for me at Cardiff, but they are a terrific club and I'm still made welcome there by manager Richie Morgan and the players. I'd like to thank one of the best crowds in football, too, for sticking with me through thick and thin.

"I was really choked on my debut at Rotherham to find a telegram in the dressing room from Cardiff's supporters wishing me the best of luck."

Yet Ronnie Moore has no regrets about leaving Cardiff for the Third Division. The confidence has come flooding back, and now the big striker has his sights firmly set on a return to Ninian Park with his new club next season, and a goal to prove to those Welsh sceptics that he is capable of scoring!

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Trevor's comeback has inspired me!

Trevor Francis marks his first League game of the season with a goal against Sunderland.

Ray Wilkins
WRITES
FOR YOU



WHAT Trevor Francis did in December I want to do in January . . . make a successful first team comeback. The reason Trev came back with such a bang is that he waited until in his opinion he was 100 per cent fit again. Not 99 per cent, or even 99.9 per cent. But totally and absolutely physically and mentally prepared for the ultimate test.

My comeback started in the reserves last month and I estimated that with the games available to me, I might be ready for selection for the first team by the end of this month.

But, like Trevor, I will be the final judge and until I believe I'm ready I'll keep playing in the reserves and training flat out.

There is always pressure on a top player to return and two of United's stars have recently come back a little too early. Having paid £1 million for Garry Birtles it was unfortunate he picked up an ankle injury soon after signing. He should have rested longer, but was naturally keen to show the fans what he could do. Skipper Martin Buchan also returned a week or so too early after a hamstring injury.

Having missed half of the season, a week one way or the other makes no difference to me. And I'm fully

aware that as soon as I play for United again I'll be expected to produce the form I showed during the European Championship.

This is why it's so important for me to wait until the right moment to play in the League again.

Trevor has done ever so well, proving what a strong character he is. When you first meet Trev you think 'what a smashing guy . . . a really nice fellow.' Which he is. But there is far more to the Forest star than that.

Recovery

I've not met many more determined people than Trevor, which is why I never had any doubts that he'd make a complete recovery from his Achilles injury.

His recovery has given me inspiration. I even saw him play a reserve game at Old Trafford, although I didn't have the chance to speak to him.

Can I show my form of 1980? Yes — my thigh has been a bit sore, but I've had a few whacks on it and volleying has presented no problems.

It's not been a good season for SHOOT columnists, with Andy Gray and Gordon McQueen out also. I felt sorry for Gordon, who kept

picking up niggling other injuries to slow his progress, but he's almost 100 per cent again now.

It'll be quite a bonus for manager Dave Sexton to have Garry Birtles, Martin Buchan, Gordon and myself all fit and available for selection again.

One lad I'll feel particularly sorry for if he loses his place is young Mike Duxbury, who has done a magnificent job. It'll be sad should he be left out. Still, having played so well it's up to others to prove they can do a better job.

By the time you read this I hope to be near my best 'fighting weight' of 10st 12lbs. I put on a stone and a half while I was sidelined. You only have to say the word 'bread' in front of me and I put on weight! Thankfully, I can lose it almost as easily as I put it on.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thanks a million to all the fans who have written to me and have sent good luck messages. They meant a lot to me. I was particularly touched to receive one from my old Chelsea team-mates.

My wife Jackie has helped me most over the past few months. She's had to bear the brunt of my frustration. My lowest ebb was when I broke down in training after a second comeback. She's had to

put up with a lot, but at least her Scrabble has improved!

This Saturday we meet Brighton for the second successive weekend, although a League game is always something of an anti-climax after an F.A. Cup-tie. I'll be very surprised if the attendance is as good as the one for the Cup match.

One Brighton player who will have been hoping to impress is Andy Ritchie. Andy was very popular with United fans and it would be true to say they were sorry to see him leave because he showed potential.

I'm glad he's doing well with Brighton, although naturally I hope he'll not score on Saturday. Brighton face a long battle against relegation and I wouldn't like to say one way or the other if they'll survive. Six points over Christmas certainly hasn't done their prospects of staying up any harm.

Join me again in a fortnight.

Ray Wilkins

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

TRUE or FALSE?

1. Wolves defender Rafael Villazan is a Brazilian international star.
2. David McCreery (right, Queens Park Rangers), Chris Nicholl (Southampton) and Allan Hunter (Ipswich Town) are all Northern Ireland international players.
3. East Fife play their Scottish Second Division games at Bayview Park.
4. Former Ipswich striker Trevor Whymark was recently transferred to Third Division Huddersfield Town.

TROPHIES

1. Which two clubs contested the 1980 F.A. Charity Shield at Wembley last August?



2. Morton won which Scottish trophy in 1949-50, 1963-64 and 1966-67?

3. Bristol Rovers player-manager Terry Cooper scored the only goal of the game for Leeds United against Arsenal at Wembley in 1968. Which trophy did it take to Elland Road?

4. Newcastle United won which European trophy in 1969?

5. Queens Park Rangers' recent signing from Crystal Palace, John Burridge, appeared in the 1977 League Cup Final for which club?

JUMBLED FULL-BACKS

Rearrange the jumbled letters and see if you can find the names of some of Britain's top full-backs and their clubs.

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (3) Royle. (4) Elm Park. (11) Kevin Bond. (14) Oblige. (16) Halt. (18) Report. (19) Aspect. (21) Coop. (23) Horton. (24) Exonerate. (25) Blankly. (28) Clyde.

DOWN:— (1) Boam. (2) Plea. (5) Liverpool. (6) Pend. (7) Roots Hall. (8) Skipper. (9) Adheres. (10) Ibrox. (12) Ego. (13) Elton. (15) Leo. (17) Act. (20) Pot. (22) Dean. (26) Ally. (27) Kidd.

1. NKNEYANWIS (TANOSLVLA)
2. LHPIANLE (VOIPLEORL)
4. WTETRSANNEEDKY (EEEBRND)
4. GGGOELBYUER (SHICPIW)
5. VEIDAYSHEA (TNMROO)

CHRISTIAN NAMES

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1. Buckley (Walsall)
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3. Hornsby (Sheffield Wed)
4. Fillery (Chelsea)
5. McNab (Brighton)
6. Roberts (Spurs)
7. Mellor (Portsmouth)
8. Connor (Leeds))
9. Eastoe (Everton)
10. Kellow (Exeter)

ANSWERS:

10. Tony
Graham. 7. Peter. 8. Terry. 9. Peter
Simon. 3. Brian. 4. Mike. 5. Neil. 6
CHRISTIAN NAMES: 1. Alan. 2
(Wich). 5. Davie Hayes (Morton).
(Aberdeen). 4. George Burley (Ips-
(Liverpool). 3. Stewart Kennedy
Swain (Aston Villa). 2. Phil Neal
JUMBLED FULL-BACKS: 1. Kenny
Villa
Fairs Cup (now U.F.A.). 5. Aston
title 3. Football League Cup. 4.
Ham. 2. Scottish Second Division
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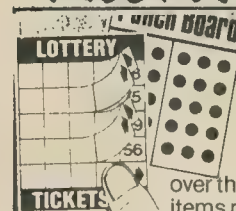
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Are we playing too much soccer?

"Players prefer to play" maintains John Lyall, West Ham's manager.

MUCH blame for lack of excitement in modern football has been levelled at the number of games clubs are forced to play.

The Football League, still considered the best in Europe is also the biggest. In addition to facing 42 League fixtures — 46 in Divisions Three and Four — all clubs must enter the F.A. Cup and the League Cup.

The more successful sides are in European competitions, too. So a club can find themselves playing two and even three games a week for most of the season.

In a special survey, SHOOT has investigated the European scene to find out if football on the Continent suffers from fixture congestion as we do in this country.

And we talk to two men in British soccer who provide their own honest opinions.

JOHN LYALL, West Ham manager, feels the current welter of fixtures is necessary — but says there is scope for improvement.

"There are strengths and weaknesses in playing so much football but basically the players prefer to play rather than train. Success breeds success and obviously from our point of view, chasing honours in several competitions, they are enjoying life.

"It might be a different story if we were at the wrong end of the Second Division.

"The game is based on economics. The less money a club has, the less it can improve. Last year we reached the Quarter-Finals of the League Cup and won the F.A. Cup. Without those matches it would have been difficult to find the money for Paul Goddard.

"On the Continent players have

more time to recover from injuries because in many countries they face only 34 League games... or fewer. We have 16 or 18 players in with a chance of playing — and the youngsters will improve quicker because they get a chance alongside the seniors.

"They have more time to devote to training skills abroad but I believe that all footballers should be adept at ball skills before they enter the first team.

"They say that the Football League is harder in England than anywhere in the world.

"The innovation I would like to see is having a week kept free in December, January and February so that any postponed games could be played then."

BRIAN TALBOT played in all 70 competitive matches for Arsenal last season — which makes him better qualified than most to assess the merits and otherwise of the numerous competitions English clubs are involved in.

Brian's response is in line with his thrusting, all-action style on the pitch. "I wish I'd played 73 games — that would have meant being in the League Cup Semi-Final and Final as well!



"We don't work hard enough at the skills" says 70-game Brian Talbot.

"I look forward to every season specially because of the great number of matches involved. I can't play too many games. One of the traditions of football in England is that it is the hardest League in the world.

"There is no problem when a club is winning, and playing is always better than training. The momentum can be kept from a Saturday to a midweek game.

'Awareness'

"There are disadvantages, of course. Players on the Continent, who are involved in fewer matches, have more awareness and touch on the ball, which they can perfect in training.

"People don't work hard enough at the skills in this country. Boys should be practising with a ball rather than running round the pitch.

"Travelling tires you out, as does the League programme. But I don't think that can be used as an excuse for Arsenal failing to win two Cup Finals last season."

John Lyall and Brian Talbot may not agree that the League should be streamlined, but our specially prepared table shows that the English First Division Champions averaged fewest goals — apart from those in Yugoslavia and Italy — in Europe last season.

SEASON 1979-80

League Champions and country	League games played	Goals for	Average goals per match
Dynamo Berlin (East Germany)	26	72	2.76
Bayern Munich (West Germany)	34	84	2.47
Servette (Switzerland)	26	61	2.34
Austria Vienna (Austria)	36	84	2.33
Ajax Amsterdam (Holland)	34	77	2.26
Sporting Lisbon (Portugal)	30	67	2.23
FC Bruges (Belgium)	34	74	2.17
Real Madrid (Spain)	34	70	2.05
Nantes (France)	38	76	2.00
Spartak Moscow (Russia)	34	66	1.94
Liverpool (England)	42	81	1.92
Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia)	34	54	1.58
Inter Milan (Italy)	30	44	1.46

THESE days, Kevin Arnott is established as a skilled midfielder with Sunderland — but only after winning a three-year battle with himself.

"I signed for Sunderland in December, 1976 and made my first team debut in January, 1977," recalls Kevin.

"After making an initial impact in the side my progress came to a dead stop, and I was terribly disappointed at the way things were working out.

"And no one realised better than myself that I was largely to blame. I placed too much emphasis on skill, and there were times when I simply wasn't grafting hard enough. My attitude was all wrong.

"To be honest, most of my thinking was directed to what I could do with the ball at my feet — other aspects of the game, such as winning the ball and chasing and harrying opponents didn't figure in my reckoning as much as they should have done.

"At the beginning of last season, I decided I had to prove myself, that it was make-or-break time for me.

"I had been inconsistent, out of the team on frequent occasions and getting nowhere fast.

"I turned down a new contract almost 18 months ago because I reckoned that if I didn't make the grade at Roker fairly quickly I would be better off making a fresh start with a new club.

"All this put pressure on me, but at the end of last season I felt I was developing along the right lines, and signed a two-year contract

'I WAS LAZY'

confesses Kevin Arnott

with Sunderland."

Now, with the Weariders fighting to establish themselves back in the First Division, Arnott is relishing the extra challenge of top-class football.

"One of my big disappointments came when we were relegated, but promotion last season put everything right and now we are starting to recapture our early season form.

"But we've had our set-backs, especially at home. We have lost quite a number of matches on our own ground this season, and our first concern is to correct this defect. We must regularly pick up points in front of our own fans as well as away.

"Despite our current position, I believe we could still make a challenge for a place in Europe. Without the ambition to achieve



success, Sunderland would just have to accept the fact that we are a run-of-the-mill club. And I believe we are better than that.

"In the First Division this term I don't think we've come up against any problems we can't handle on the field.

"Admittedly, the opposition is harder than in the Second Division, and as a midfielder player I find that top-class defences become very tight 30 to 35 yards from their own goal. Yet I haven't found a great difference between the two Divisions."

Freely acknowledged in the North-East to be the most polished player in the Sunderland squad, Arnott has no doubts about his biggest personal ambition. He says: "Gaining a full England cap is what I wish most for myself in the future.

'Recognition'

"Of course, any player must be consistent over a period to achieve any sort of recognition, and I like to believe that in 1980 I've been on form often enough to think I can create a lasting future for myself with Sunderland.

"In the past, lack of consistency has perhaps been my biggest failing. I would turn it on for a few matches, then follow with indifferent performances. It wasn't good enough.

"This season, however, I've worked hard at my game and in training. I'm enjoying my football, and it's a great feeling to be with a club that has its sights set on winning honours."

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GARRY'S MOVED BACK FOR EVERTON

WHEN Gordon Lee recently asked Garry Stanley to play at the heart of the defence for Everton it came as no surprise to the player.

Stanley had played in that position for Fort Lauderdale Strikers during a spell on loan in the North American Soccer League in the close-season of 1979. He looked a very accomplished player and impressed Lee, who was on holiday in the States.

Lee immediately contacted Chelsea, the club that held Stanley's registration, with an offer when he returned to England.

"I don't think the manager saw me as a defender in those days though," says Stanley. "He bought me to do a job on the right-hand side of midfield, the position that I had filled at Chelsea.

"When Mike Lyons was injured recently Mr Lee asked me to fill in at the back. I was delighted to do just that."

Immediately

The Everton skipper damaged knee ligaments in early October. Stanley moved into the defence and immediately felt at home.

"I like playing in that position," he says. "It suits my style. As a right-sided midfielder player I feel restricted. If you were to press me I would say that I prefer the defence or a central midfield role.

"The latter isn't possible at Everton though because we have so many good players for that position. Asa Hartford, Steve McMahon and Gary Megson for example."

Stanley is not the first to make a move from the 'engine room'. Tottenham used Steve Perryman as a sweeper for many years.

He started out as a midfield player in the '70's alongside the likes of Alan Mullery and John

Pratt and has only recently taken on the role again, succeeding Terry Yorath.

Brendan O'Callaghan of Stoke City and Middlesbrough's Billy Ashcroft have proved that strikers can also play in defence, though not in the same role as Perryman and Stanley, rather more as 'stoppers'.

"I must be honest and say that it's an easy position to play in," says Stanley. "I think it's a question of reading the game. That's Colin Todd's great attribute. The rest is all about reacting first once you have spotted the danger.

"A lot of critics believed that I would struggle when it came to winning the ball in the air. But I haven't found that a great prob-

lem. I either get in a good challenge early, or if it's a big fella that I'm up against, then I do enough to put him off, fairly of course!

"Again, I can use Colin Todd as an example. He is not the tallest player in the world, but he has never had trouble in that department.

"Admittedly, he's always played behind a big centre-half. Roy

McFarland at Derby County, Mike Lyons at Everton and now Joe Gallagher at Birmingham City. These players more often than not put in the important first challenge.

"And remember Colin is another player who made the move from midfield. That's where he played in his early days at Sunderland."

Stanley realises that his present run in Everton's defence may not last permanently.

"I can see myself back in the midfield shortly," he says. "But I would like to move into the defence at some stage of my career. I believe I have proved that I can play there.

"I'll do a job for Everton wherever they ask me to play. I'm just happy to be playing at all. The most important thing is to put this club very firmly back on the map and the best way to do that is to win something. That is my ambition."



RIGHT: Garry Stanley has been playing in the centre of the Everton defence after a move from midfield.

BELOW: Spurs skipper Steve Perryman has been performing admirably at the back after starting out in midfield.

**FOCUS
ON**

PETER WITHE

Aston Villa

FULL NAME: Peter Withe
BIRTHPLACE: Liverpool
BIRTHDATE: August 30, 1951
HEIGHT: 6ft 1½ins
WEIGHT: 12st 10lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Southport, Barrow, Port Elizabeth City, Arcadia Shepherds, Wolves, Portland Timbers, Birmingham, Nottingham Forest, Newcastle
MARRIED: To Kathy
CHILDREN: Jason (9), Stephen (3), Gareth (18 months)
CAR: Talbot Solara
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPERS: The Sun, Star
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kenny Dalglish
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Gary Shaw
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: All my previous clubs!
FOOTBALL HEROES OF CHILDHOOD: Alex Young and Jimmy Greaves
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Golf
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Too many to mention individually
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Nottingham Forest 4 Ipswich 0. I scored all four
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not getting into soccer earlier
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: All my previous clubs'
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Sea food, champagne after winning a trophy and lager
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES/DISLIKES: Being with my family/smoking
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: America
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR: Clint Eastwood
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Playing golf
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Led Zeppelin, Deep Purple, America
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Nice meal and a bottle of wine with wife and friends

BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: No one really
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None yet. I am still hoping
PERSONAL AMBITION: To help Aston Villa win as much as they can. And become a millionaire
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Electrician
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Jack Nicklaus

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